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COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Teacher's Institute convened at the Opera House in Bloomsburg, on Dec. 14, at 2 o'clock, as per announcement by the County Supt. The attendance of the teachers was fully up to, if not exceeding that of previous years. Institute opened with singing, conducted by Prof. Jerry March, of Norristown, Pa. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Isaac Patterson, of First Presbyterian church of Bloomsburg.

The teachers were welcomed by Fred T. Ikeler, in an elegant and finished address, replete with valuable thoughts and suggestions for the teachers. Able responses were made by Prof. L. P. Sterner, Principal of Bloomsburg schools, on the part of the teachers, and J. R. Townsend, Esq., of Bloomsburg, representing the directors of the county. Both addresses were well received.

Supt. Walton, of Chester county, then addressed the Institute on the subject "Habit." Every habit, every mark, every thought remains. When we think a thought a nerveous impulse runs up and completes a circuit before we form a thought. After the boy makes a great number of resolutions to make the letter A, the nervous impulses run in the same track. When boys go out of the school-room for the last time the one thing they will carry with them, and will remain with them permanently, is their bundle of habits. One may be robbed of his reputation, but no one can rob you of your habits. The value of this Institute to you will depend upon your habits of thought, habits of working before you come here. The teachers, through habit, do a great deal of ineffective work, wearing out both body and brain. We should teach abundance of memory gems and pieces of poetry, this imbeds the habit of memorizing useful extracts and directs the mind along the channels of morality and religion. Persons attending church sit down in a certain place, religious thoughts come to your mind when you occupy that place. Our mind runs in channels, it is well it does. Habit h lps us out and habit makes life easy, but if we are not careful they will lead us the wrong way. Habits die out and new ones take their place. It is our business as teachers to see that a better habit takes the place of the decaying one, than the old one. Break up only one habit at a time. If you change the direction of a boy's thought you will probably change the habit. Centre the mind on the work and many bad habits will be cured, as in writing.

Supt. Harman spoke next on "Discipline." This is a subject that is somewhat hackneyed yet there must be somewhat of interest in it to all teachers. No teacher has reached his ideal school. There is always some part that can be made better. Discipline don't mean the same to all. But we all have certain ideals towards which we are pressing. We are willing to have these ideals modified. One of the best ways to have them modified is in visiting schools. Take every opportunity you have to visit every school within your reach. It is worth while to make an effort to get an ideal school, it pays. We are aided in what constitutes true discipline in observing other schools than our own. A teacher's usefulness is curtailed by his lack of good discipline. System is important, but there is such a thing as disciplining a school to death. Both extremes should be avoided.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Session opened with music. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. Leverett of the Episcopal church.

Supt. Walton addressed the Institute on "Habit." The teacher that reaps the greatest benefits from habit are those who have good habits themselves. Our children always expect us to be cheerful. Irritableness or cheerfulness on our part is a habit. We delude ourselves when we think we are breaking up a habit, but simply ingratting another one just as bad. Have we a right to exact a promise from a child that he will do better? The speaker here called for the opinions of the teachers on this point, from whom several strong arguments were produced both pro and con. Mr. Walton said the teachers should do but one thing at a time. Criticise but one thing at a time and follow that up until the habit has been broken up. The boy that has the strongest habits for evil, and they can be modified and changed to habits of good, will be the strongest boy in deeds of righteous. Don't give the children the idea that their habits are fixed. They are not so fixed as those of older persons. The emancipation from habit is what we want to teach the child.

Prof. Butts then addressed the Institute on "Drawing." He said that drawing enters into every state and condition of life. Drawing is the basis of construction. It is very useful as a school study. Drawing naturally divides itself into three divisions, viz., construction, representation and decoration. These must all be presented in the proper teaching of the subject. The sphere should be the first type form of study. Next the cube, then the hemisphere and cylinder. Next comes the square prism. The Prof gave a long interesting talk on the methods of teaching Prang's system of drawing, which was closely listened to by the teachers.

Supt. Harman resumed the discussion of "School Discipline." That teacher is to be sympathized with who cannot discipline his school. The first thing is for the teacher to make the acquaintance of the patrons of the school. We ought to first make our suggestions general, and then reprove individuals privately. We should not reprove individual pupils continuously in the presence of the whole school. Pupils who forget themselves during the day should be dealt with privately after the school. There are occasionally cases that must be settled at once. We cannot judge our powers of disciplining by those of others. One may be able to get along without corporal punishment and another may not. The occasion is very rare when you are justified in whipping a boy before the whole school. Whipping should be done privately and when done, should be effectually administered. There are those who need our help most. We must meet our pupils cheerfully and remedy one fault at a time. One may acquire the ability to discipline. We too often see too much that is going on in the school. Pupils get tired of the everlasting talking of the teacher. It breeds contempt for our authority. Glance over your school occasionally. The teacher must be able to hear a recitation and look over the school at the same time. Pupils should understand that they cannot be idle without the teacher knowing it. Pupils will respect the teacher that sees all that is going on. Be sure of your ability before you attempt a radical change. When you ask anything of your school then require it. Take in consideration the circumstances—such as the weather, ventilation, &c. Control your voice. Don't let the pupils know that you have lost control. Commend your boys and girls. Send your children home happy. If possible, spare, save the bad boy. Reach the heart of the bad boy. Every bad boy can be reached by some one.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Supt. Walton spoke on the "Imagination." Upon the first view we are prone to think that the imagination is something that belongs to poets and novelists and that teachers have nothing to do with it. There are two kinds of imagination, constructive and creative. The creative includes the constructive. The possessor of the latter may have the former developed. The sub-division of constructive imagination is visualization. That is, the power of seeing the results of the imagination or the ability to see a thing before it is finished. Imagination is fed in three ways. The ocular sense, the auditory sense or ear, and the motor sense. Teach children resemblance first and difference second. Teach things and objects. Take the child out in nature and feed his imagination on facts. We must recognize that the boy has an imagination. The boy with an imagination goes out into the world with an impressable nature and his surroundings photograph themselves upon his soul. If it be properly trained at school it will respond to every good impression and the youth will be led out into an invisible and enjoyable heaven beyond.

Prof. Richardson, of Berwick, spoke next on "Elementary Science." He showed what simple apparatus may be used in teaching science. Elementary science, if properly taught, takes the minds of youths often off the trashy literature so much read by the young of our land. Teachers must be prepared to present the subject and be thorough in all they do. Prof. Richardson took four boys from his school and by a class drill showed the audience how many facts can be taught the young in science and how interesting and attractive the subject may be made to them. No expensive apparatus is necessary to perform all the experiments necessary to make the subject easy and bring it within the comprehension.

Prof. Becht, of Muncy schools, was the next speaker. His subject was "Historical study." He said it is impossible to lay down a list of maxims and rules which are applicable in all cases. The teacher must have individuality, and must throw into his work his personality. The value of historical study is so vast that within the compass of a pupil's school life he can obtain merely an outline of this subject. We can only suggest and stimulate pupils in this subject. This subject has its value as a means of disciplining the mind, particularly the imagination. It developes patriotism and brings pupils into contact with the different stages of civilization in the past, and with the manners and customs of past ages. Too much time is too often taken up in the details of battles and the intrigues of parties and not enough attention to the subject of civilization. We should not attempt too much with young pupils for fear of creating a distaste for the subject. We should endeavor to instil into our pupils a love of history and when they get out they will read up on the subject after leaving school.

Supt. Harman addressed the Institute on "Attention." Attention is the foundation of any structure you attempt to build. Teachers attempt to instruct a large class when but one or two are paying attention. But it is the teacher's business to see that every member of the class gives his individual attention. As a rule it is the fault of the teacher if he can't secure the attention of his classes. Attention is an element of every faculty and not a distinct power of the mind. Nothing is accomplished without voluntary attention. The ability to give attention is the characteristic of a normal mental constitution and of a well balanced mind. It is only the weak mind that is incapable of giving close attention. The teacher must consider all sources of distraction and remove them if possible. If they can't be removed we must educate our pupils into removing their minds from the distractions and concentrate them upon their work. We ought to study our pupils individually and know their constitution, and consider their weaknesses and make allowance for them. Interest is of prime importance, and if the pupils are interested by the teacher their attention will be bestowed for a reasonable time at least. Avoid abstractions with the young. Do not be deceived by exterior signs. A boy may look at you but his attention may be far away from you. And he may give attention and not be looking at you. Pleasure sustains attention. We should make an effort to combine pleasure with instruction. Take advantage of a child's curiosity. Pupils love variety. Don't get discouraged, Extreme cases of inattention are very rare and we can be successful.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Supt. Waller addressed the Institute on "Examinations underlying the public school system of Pa." He talked on teacher's certificates. There are six certificates provided by the law for teachers. Our lowest certificate is the Provisional one. The provisional certificate was at first intended to be only a temporary arrangement but it has become engrafted on our system. The state has been greatly benefitted through the provisional certificate in that it has enabled young people to test their ability without going to much preparation. This certificate is good for one year only, and for the county only in which it is issued. Our state proceeds upon the basis of local control and in this the educational law of Penn'a is superior to any other state. It would be wrong to commit the interests of our children entirely to teachers holding provisional certificates. We have a graded system and teachers are expected to advance and reach that point where yearly examinations will not be required. This is the idea of the law and if teachers take advantage of it they will not be required to undergo endless examinations as is sometimes the objection to our system. They may go through all the grades and finally reach the state certificate, where in the judgment of the law he may teach in any part of the state and is good for life. More than half of the teachers in our state to-day teach on provisional certificates. This is wrong, not as it should be. The state should not issue an unlimited number of provisional certificates to any one individual. No one should be allowed to teach more than three years under a provisional certificate. If at that time he has not advanced to a higher grade he ought to be required to step down and out. Supply and demand largely regulate price and when every one is allowed to come in every year and take a provisional certificate it deprives the true professional teacher of the remuneration he is deserving of. It is not true that a young lady holding a provisional certificate can teach a primary school as well as one holding a diploma from a State Normal School. The state has provided ample opportunities in her Normal School, and it is only fair that for her outlay she should demand advancement in those having charge of the schools. The million of pupils attending our schools have rights to the best education possible and these rights we ought to respect.

Supt. Harman answered the following questions: Do you approve of detaining a pupil after school? Not so far as his experience is concerned. Do you detain at recess? No. Do you allow a pupil to interrupt a teacher while a class is on the floor? No, try to make such arrangements that this will not be necessary. Should a teacher exact a promise from a pupil? Questionable. In concluding his remarks to the Institute, Supt. Harman said that he felt the importance of going beyond the books. There is too little attention paid to gleaning from the papers of to-day. We live in an age of newspapers and these papers are all vieing with each other in size and in their effort to get quantity they forget the quality. Advise the boys and girls how to read the newspapers. Advise them what is valuable and should be ignored. Our newspapers are doing an immense amount of evil by putting into our homes the failures of the world. Teach them to discriminate.

Prof. Welsh of the State Normal School was the next speaker. He was asked his opinion in regard to the position of the pupil in writing at the desk. If all pupils started aright they would not acquire bad habits, but we get some pupils where habits are already formed, and in such cases the best exercise is a free hand exercise which loosens all the muscles, and this in connection with this the finger movement. In signing names many people try to acquire queer style. This practice should be condemned and counteracted by the public school teacher. The pen should be held correctly which is indicated by all systems of writing. The left-handed writer should be allowed to write with his left hand.

Supt. Walton resumed his talk on "Imagination." We must understand how the imagination of the boy is fed before we instruct him. In the imaginative studies it is very important that we get the imagination to work to assist them to get a correct idea of the subject. The teacher should have a good imagination and form stories in accordance with facts and have their pupils follow them. After the story which stimulates the imagination then question them on the same point.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Sessions opened with music, conducted by Prof. March. The first speaker was Dr. Philips, of the West Chester Normal School. He spoke on "Hints in Teaching Arithmetic." First, find out what the class knows, and does not know. See that the four fundamental rules are first thoroughly taught. Addition should receive more attention than it does. Do not teach too many ways of doing the same thing. Do not teach too many contracted methods of doing things. Don't be afraid of cutting out the non essential parts of Arithmetic. For instance, the subject Arbitration of Exchange, which has no practical value whatever. Our teaching should prepare our pupils for every-day life, and our work should be drawn from the methods of doing business by the world around us. Assign a good lesson: point out definitely what you want, find out what they have done when they come into the recitation room; train your pupils how to read the problem correctly; put them all to work—there is a difference between seeing a thing done and doing the thing yourself. Pupils would rather do the work themselves than to be aided too much, provided they are led on in their work properly. Make your teaching very practical.

Dr. Waller then addressed the Institute and the following are a few of the points made: It is accepted as a truism that education is a growth. We ought to employ the practical branches to aid in mental growth. Education cannot be employed as a filling process. The great question that meets us to-day, as teachers, is what do our pupils need to-day, rather than what they need in the future. We are to bring about the conditions necessary to promote the growth of the mind as a living and growing organism. Education is from within and depends upon the self activity of the child. Since education is a growth we cannot measure it by rate per cent. If education is a growth the teacher must provide the favorable conditions; good school houses, good apparatus, good ventilations, and good surroundings generally. Time is an important condition to growth. Our school terms are too short to bring about the proper development of the child. We must allow nature's time for the development of the mind. Our school term is not fixed upon that basis, but upon a law upon our statute books. If we would extend our school term to nine months we would be adding fifty per cent. to our present results. In this respect we are behind most other states around us. The cities of the State keep their schools open ten months. Every child in the State should have all the time required for its full development. All are to be citizens and all have an influence on our government. Every district may have a nine months' term in the future, from the increased appropriations of the State, if they will but say the word. The schools of Penn'a have the opportunities of a life time this year and they should take proper advantage of them.

Prof. A. L. E. Crouter, principal Penn'a Inst. for the Deaf and Dumb, next gave an interesting talk on how the deaf and dumb are taught. The results of their training was illustrated by a pupil entirely deaf, who could answer any question even from strangers, guided entirely by the movement of the lips. There are two methods of educating the deaf: by signs and orally. By either method their education is completed.

Supt. Walton addressed the Institute on "Literature." Many of our children go out of the school without their eyes and ears opened to the great beauties of the world around. They go out with a half starved taste for literature. Let us teach our boys to read something. Cultivate their tastes. If we can in any way elevate their tastes, we are doing a great thing for our pupils. Fifty per cent. of our education has to do with us when we are off duty. Train our pupils so that when they are off duty they will know how to behave, so that they will have elevated tastes to cultivate. This is done by training them to read good prose and poetry, such as Whittier, Longfellow, Hawthorn and others of the same class.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Institute opened with devotional exercise conducted by Rev. Heilman, of the Lutheran church. Dr. Phillips then addressed the Institute on "Arithmetic." He took up the subject of stocks and bonds and discussed the topic in an interesting and practical way. He showed very plainly what is meant by the term stockholders and stocks. How stocks are transferred. Then explained what bonds are and bondholders. Stocks and bonds are bought and sold by persons known as brokers. The brokers associate themselves together in companies known as stock exchanges. The largest associations of this kind in this country and perhaps in the world, is located in New York city on Wall street. These associations are devided into two classes known as commission brokers and room graders. The brokers, uncertain terms, known as "bull" and "bear," "long" and "short," "puts" and calls," and "dealing in margins," and "bucket shops." These terms were each taken up and explained to the teachers very fully and in an interesting way. He said that the business done by these different styles of brokers, very often is nothing less than pure gambling. He advised teachers to impress their pupils with the necessity of steering clear of such business as it is wrong and dangerous in many cases.

Supt. Walton was the next speaker, subject, "Literature." He protested against the way in which literature is usually taught. Make your pupils fully acquainted with one author before going to another. Select some state or country that stands as a literary center and begin there. In studying literature there is something more necessary than mere analysis, they must be able to enter into the feeling of the author and have some degree of appreciation of the author's sentiments. Pupils must sit in patience and study an author, if they would understand his meaning.

Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, of Boston, addressed the Institute. Sixty per cent. of our children never go to any school beyond the primary grade. Whoever will do the best for his country, will, work directly toward those sixty per cent. There is no force working against our government so much as the effect of alcholic drinks. It is one of the great duties of the teachers of to-day to see that all pupils are thoroughy educated in these effects, and thus made good citizens.

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Last Monday, 21st, was the shortest day in the year.

To our patrons and friends, and everybody else we wish a Merry Christmas.

Turkeys are scarce and high. Last Saturday a man sold a wagon load on the street at 15 cents a pound, live weight.

A cantata, entitled "Telephoning Santa Claus," will be rendered in the Evangelical Church this Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

THEODORE GARRISON, Supt.

Walt Wa.tman, the aged poet, is dying.

Christmas, 1891.

THREE CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

I.

Hearken! how the Christmas chime
Sings on earth its song sublime!
"See the twain whose weary feet
Wander through the village street—
Doors are closed against the stranger.
See the Child, the meek and lowly,
Christ the mighty, the all holy,
Sleeping cradled in a manger."

Sing your joy, O Christmas chime!
Let us keep the Christmas time.
Be the loaf of plenty doled,
Be the poor man's heart consoled.
Thus we keep the Christmas time.

II.

Hearken! still the Christmas chime
Sings on earth its song sublime!
"Wondering shepherds see the night
Flooded with celestial light—
Wondering hear the angel message:
Come and let us kneel before him,
Let us find him and adore him.
Peace on earth this child doth presage."

Sing your joy, O Christmas chime!
Let us keep the Christmas time.
Let all strife and hatred cease,
Kindness live, good will and peace.
Thus we keep the Christmas time.

III.

Hearken! still the Christmas chime
Sings on earth its song sublime!
"Eagerly the Magi sped
By the wondrous star beam led.
Gold and myrrh, and incense offer.
He brings most—yes, he the highest
Draweth unto God the Highest
Who a heart of love doth proffer."

Sing your joy, O Christmas chime!
Let us keep the Christmas time.
Love shall be the law to bind
In one band all humankind.
Thus we keep the Christmas time.

—Century.

A LIVELY OLD PAIR.

Harders Flint, Esq., lawyer, sat alone in his bachelor's den in a big easy chair, his feet incased in a pair of dilapidated old slippers, resting on the fender, his hands thrust half way into his trousers pockets and his head bent forward until his chin rested on his breast. On the table beside him lay a couple of newspapers and a yellow covered law book, open at the page he had been consulting.

Lawyer Flint was deep in perplexing thought, to judge by the expression of his face, for his brow was clouded and his lips compressed, and occasionally he turned his head toward the open volume as if inclined to seek further aid from it, but with a slight shake of the head relapsed again into his former attitude.

He had sat thus for a long time when there was a knock at the door.

"Come in," said the lawyer, without looking up.

A servant girl entered, handed him a note and withdrew.

Lawyer Flint opened the note, read it, uttering an exclamation of impatience, arose and paced up and down the room.

"So Rolingold can't meet me tomorrow because it's Christmas," he muttered, as he stalked across the floor: "every day is important in this matter and yet he, the one most interested, delays proceedings twenty-four hours simply because it happens to be Christmas. Gad! I can't see how a business man like Rolingold can be so foolish. Well," he continued, "let him take his holiday and enjoy it if he can; I couldn't. It's many and many a long day since Christmas interfered with my business."

He returned to his chair, but the train of his thought had been interrupted and his face now wore a cynical, hard look as he gazed into the crackling fire. Once, long ago, his Christmas days had been bright, too, but their brightness was obscured by more vivid recollections of other Christmas times in later years, when ambition and disappointment and poverty and greed had steeled his heart and left no room for Christmas thoughts. Oh, the years that he had worked and starved and hoarded to reach his present condition of comfortable independence! As he looked back upon them now his lips closed tighter and the bitterness deepened in his face.

From a distant part of the house came the sound of music, and the laughter of children, and the hum of conversation. But the lawyer remained motionless with his head upon his breast.

Rat-tat, rat-tat, rattle-tattle, rattle-tattle, rat-tat, rattle-tattle, rat-tat-tat.

What was that? It seemed to come from the closet at the other side of the room. The lawyer went over and opened the closet door: there was nothing to be seen except a lot of old law books piled upon the shelves and a pair of heavy old boots on the floor.

"That noise must have come from below stairs, after all," he said, "but it seemed to be right in the room; sounded just like some one dancing on a bare floor."

"I was just thinking of Uncle Tom," he continued, "and there are the boots the old man left here when he got his new ones at the close of his visit, a month ago. I must tell Joe to take them away."

He went over to the chair and sat down again. "Uncle Tom," he said to himself. "Bah! I hope he enjoyed his visit here. I didn't. I'd go crazy with that blundering old man around me, nudging me and slapping me on the back, 'trying to get a little fun out of me,' as he said, with that everlasting, good natured laugh of his. 'Christmas 'll soon be here,' he said, as he was leaving, 'n I hope you'll brace up, Harders, and enjoy yourself. I'd show you how to do it if I could stay with you.' Well, I wonder now what he'd do to show me how to enjoy Christmas?" said the lawyer, as he settled down in his chair.

Again the sounds of laughter and conversation came faintly from below. The violins struck up a lively air and——

Rattle-te-tat-te, rattle-te-tat-te, rat-te-tattle-te-rattle-te-tat!

The lawyer looked quickly toward the closet, the door of which he had left open. He rubbed his eyes and looked again. Yes, there could be no mistake about it, there were Uncle Tom's boots stepping about on the closet floor, rattling off the time with heel and toe, sidling across and back, right boot first, left boot first, up with the right, up with the left, and, as the music grew louder, up with both, crack! crack! the heels came together twice in the air, landing on the floor in exact time with the music, and finishing up with a lively rattle-tat-te-rattle-tattle, rat-tat-tat. Then they came briskly over toward the astonished lawyer exactly as though they had feet and legs in them. Over to the fire they walked, turned heels toward it and stood there wide apart.

Involuntarily, Lawyer Flint glanced up as if expecting to see the ruddy, jovial face and portly form of his Uncle Tom. There were the boots just as the old man would have placed them, but Uncle Tom was not there.

"Bless my soul!" exclaimed the lawyer, "but this is mighty curious."

The toe of the right boot began tapping the carpet gently, then they moved over to the window, stood still a moment and then walked out into the hallway.

"Gad!" said Lawyer Flint excitedly, "I believe they are going out. I must see the end of this thing."

He threw off his dressing gown, hurried into his shoes, overcoat and hat, and followed the boots out of the street door, which had opened at their approach. Down the steps they tripped gayly and turned toward the brilliantly lighted avenue. The still, starlit night was bitterly cold, and Lawyer Flint shivered as he buttoned his heavy coat close up around his neck. Up the street he hastened, following the empty boots, which slipped sideways at every other step and jammed their heels into the trodden snow, but made their way rapidly, nevertheless.

Around the corner, into the avenue, in and out among the throngs of Christmas eve pedestrians, dodging here and there, stepping on toes, stopping in front of show windows, kicking themselves together and stamping on the ground—thus went the old boots, and after them followed the excited lawyer.

They turned into a big store. "Now," thought Lawyer Flint, as he entered the door, "some one will be sure to see them," but strange to say, the boots were entirely unnoticed by the buzzing, laughing, happy people who thronged the store.

The lawyer leaned against the toy counter and watched the boots as they shuffled around on the floor.

"Something for the little ones?"

The question was asked by a pretty salesgirl, and it was addressed to Harders Flint. He started, and for the first time realized that he was in a rather peculiar position. Why was he standing around there, the people would ask, if he did not wish to buy? How long would he be obliged to remain? He couldn't tell. Should he say that he was waiting for those old boots? No, no; he didn't wish on any account to call attention to the ridiculous performance they were going through.

"Yes," he said, coloring, "something for the little ones;" and then he went about selecting tin horns, and silver bells, and woolly dogs, and wooden monkeys, and trumpets, and checkers, and dominoes, growing white and red by turns as he thought of the fearful extravagance, and, glancing furtively, with increasing impatience and anger, at the boots, which seemed livelier than ever as his purchases increased.

"Seven dollars and forty cents, please," said the salesgirl.

Into the silver ball went a good ten dollar bill! click, click, it shot upward and slid across the cashier's desk, while the lawyer groaned and waited for his change.

Rattle-te-tat-te, rattle-te-tat-te, rattle-te-tat-te, rat-ta-tat! went the old boots close by his side. Several people looked at him with smiles of amusement. "Happy time, isn't it?" said a jolly little fat man, glancing at the lawyer's big bundle. "I feel like dancing myself."

"Change, sir; thank you. Merry Christmas!"

The exasperated lawyer grasped his bundle and hurried after the boots, which now seemed anxious to get away from the store. When he struck the cold air and again drew his coat around him he seemed somehow to feel less annoyance. The excitement of the chase had warmed his blood. It was a curious feeling that began now to steal over him, the like of which he had never experienced before, or at least not for many years, he said to himself, as he stopped before a candy store and followed the boots inside.

"Candy for Christmas?" He smiled almost to think that he, Harders Flint, should hear such a question addressed to himself, and more astounding yet was the fact that he did want to buy some candy for Christmas, and that he really stood there, pocketbook in hand, waiting for it.

Rattle-te-tat, te-tat-te-tat!

A smile broke over the salesgirl's face as she handed him the package of candy, and away went the lawyer, after the boots, which seemed determined to give him a lively chase before the evening was over. Again he was in the biting air, but the warm blood coursed through every vein in his body as he hurried along. Again and again they stopped, until the lawyer's purse was nearly empty and his arms more than full. The old boots seemed fairly wild with delight, and Lawyer Flint could not, to save his life, help laughing at them as they slipped and slipped and danced along the sidewalk.

Away they led him, out of the avenue, down the dark side streets, until he heard the sound of children singing. In this direction the old boots hastened and stopped before the house from whence the singing came. Up the steps they went; the door opened, and somehow the lawyer, too much flustered and confused to know how it was exactly, found himself in a room filled with children, and a lovely lady was saying to him: "Ah! you're in time, sir. Thank you so much. We haven't distributed the presents yet. You will make a good many little hearts glad tonight, sir." And all around him was warmth and light and music and a clattering of happy tongues, and altogether such a joyous atmosphere as he would not have believed could possibly exist anywhere.

"Good night! Merry Christmas!" The sound rang in his ears as he followed the lively old boots out of the door and back through the dark streets into the avenue.

"I wonder where they'll take me now?" he said, shrugging and laughing softly. "Gad!" he continued, "I had more than forty dollars in that pocketbook, and there isn't enough left to—hello! there they go into a cigar store. H-m, cigars are too great a luxury for Harders Flint; not tonight, though," he laughed. "I'll smoke tonight," and he came out of the store a moment later with a box of choice cigars in his hand.

And then the old boots led him back at a moderate pace to his bachelor's quarters. He whistled softly as he removed his coat and got into his dressing gown and slippers; then he lit a cigar, threw himself into the big chair before the fire and sat contentedly puffing the fragrant smoke and watching it curl upward toward the ceiling, and he laughed when from the closet he heard the old boots dancing again.

Rattle-te, rattle-te, rattle-te-tat, rat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat-tat——

"They must be tired," thought the lawyer, as the lively rattle dwindled into a regular monotonous tapping.

Then he started, sat up straight and opened his eyes. The tapping did not come from the closet, but from the hall door. It was Joe, come to replenish the fire.

"I've been dreaming," said Lawyer Flint to himself. He turned his back to the fire, looked over toward the closet and smiled. Then he walked to the window and looked out into the street. He took out his watch and looked at it, while a light shone in his eyes and his mouth worked curiously.

"There's time enough yet," he said, and Joe was surprised to see him hurry on his coat and hat; but not half so surprised as he was when he stood alone in the room a moment later with a big silver dollar in his hand.—Morris Waite in Detroit Free Press.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

First Turkey—What is your opinion of Christmas, anyhow? Second Ditto—Don't ax me.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A ring would be a very appropriate gift for a Christmas belle.—Norristown Herald.

The most useful Christmas present this year would seem to be a pair of goloshes or an umbrella.—Baltimore American.

The cash girl in the notion store didn't need anybody to tell her that Christmas was coming.—Merchant Traveler.

A green Christmas makes a cross coal man.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Miss Cumso—I don't know what to give papa for a Christmas present. Mrs. Cumso—Give him one of those new long handled umbrellas. I need it ever so badly.—New York Sun.

What a good thing it is that Christmas comes once a year. We are then able to take note of the number of mean men whom the Lord allows to live on from day to day.—Kearney Enterprise.

Worked Him.

"Say, boss, give me a few pennies to buy something to eat, will you?" said a ragged urchin to a man hurrying through Mail street at 6 o'clock Christmas eve.

Now the one appealed to had just been buying Christmas presents for a score of sisters, cousins and aunts, to say nothing about the numerous rattles, dolls, etc., which he had bought for the members of his own immediate family, and consequently he was feeling rather poor.

"Can't do it, sonny," he said rather gruffly, as he hurried on.

The boy assumed a tone half sorrowful, with a touch of independence in it, and said to the retreating figure:

"Boss, I hope you will have a Merry Christmas."

The man stopped, turned around, dug his hand into his pocket and handed the urchin a quarter. Then he hurried on again.

Ten minutes later the same urchin entered a hallway where half a dozen street arabs were assembled.

"Hi, Jimmy!" he yelled as he entered, "see what de bloke give me (showing the quarter). Let's play 'craps.'"—New York Tribune.

Still Believed in Santa Claus.

Faith in the Santa Claus myth hasn't entirely faded out of the juvenile mind, though even the very youngest representatives of the present generation are apt to be skeptical. The proof:

Little Bettina, three years old, has a rag doll with whom her relations are particularly tender and sympathetic. A morning or two ago this doll was discovered near the fireplace in a shocking condition. She was black in the face and, in fact, black all over, and the smell of soot about her was very strong. It was a mystery until Bettina was interrogated. The condition of the doll made her look a little rueful, but she brightened up, and said:

"I tapered to Patty all the things I wanted for Christmas and sent her up the chimney to tell Santa Claus!"—Boston Transcript.

Old Time Epicures.

Listen to the enumeration of good things described by Whistlecraft to have been served up at King Arthur's table on Christmas day. If the list be authentic, there is less reason to wonder at the feats of courage and strength performed by the Knights of the Round Table:

They served up salmon, venison and wild boars
By hundreds and by dozens and by scores.
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Muttons and fatted beeves and bacon swine,
Herons and bitterns, peacocks, swan and bustard,
Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons, and, in fine,
Plum puddings, pancakes, apple pies and custard,
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—Christmas Book.

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Lemonade sets 67c to $1.50.
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Mugs 5c to 25.
Wine sets $1.45 and $1.50 with and without tray.
Liquor sets, with glass tray 58c a set.
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Meat platters 8 in. 18c each, figured.
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Children's tea sets 10, 15, 25, 35, 42 and 50c a set.
Wine glasses, 50c a doz.
Liquor glasses, heavy, 20c doz.
Liquor glasses, flint 60c doz.
Plain goblets 40c a doz.
Flint glasses, with leaf, $1.00 a doz.
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NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

The President Appoints Stephen B. Elkins to Succeed Proctor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Harrison sent to the Senate yesterday the name of Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of War, as the successor of Senator Proctor, of Vermont, resigned.

STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

Stephen Benton Elkins was born in Perry county, Ohio, September 26, 1841. He migrated to Missouri in his boyhood and began studying law. He was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1860. He served in the war on the Union side in 1862 and 1863 as captain in the Seventy-seventh Missouri Regiment. He was admitted to the bar in 1864, and then moved to New Mexico and opened an office. He was elected a member of the Legislature two years later, and was attorney-general and United States district attorney for the territory. He amassed a fortune by mining and stock raising. He resigned as United States district attorney in 1872, and was elected to Congress next year. He was reelected in 1875. His friendship for James G. Blaine began during his first term in Congress, and has continued with undiminished fervor, it is said, ever since. He became a member of the National Republican Committee in 1875, when he married the daughter of ex-United States Senator H. G. Davis of West Virginia. It was largely through his energetic advocacy of the plumed knight that Blaine was nominated at the Chicago Convention of 1884.

CANADIAN CABINET DEPOSED.

Mercier and His Confreres Ousted for Corrupt Practices.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The Liberal party of Canada has received the hardest blow of years in the dismissal of Hon. Honore Mercier, Premier of Quebec, and his cabinet for corruption. Lieutenant-Governor Angers, acting on report of Judges Jette, Baby and Davidson has ignominiously dismissed his ministers from office and called upon Hon. Mr. De Boucherville to form a new cabinet.

These judges, forming a royal commission, have been investigating charges that Mercier and his government had received $100,000 from Contractor Armstrong for the sale of the Bay des Chaleurs Railway. This amount was said to have been divided between the members of the Cabinet.

The new Cabinet will be Hon. Mr. De Boucherville, Premier, with Messrs. Taillon, Chase, Casgrain, John S. Hall, Flynn, Duplessis, Fitzpatrick, Nantie, Mackintosh and L. P. Pelletier as Ministers.

Trenton Woolen Mills in Trouble.

TRENTON, Dec. 22.—The financial trouble in the Saxony Mills, owned and operated by the Trenton Woolen Company, is likely to seriously affect the woolen trade in this city. The company recently allowed a note to go to protest, which was the beginning of the trouble. The liabilities are stated to be about $40,000, the heaviest creditors being in New York and Philadelphia.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

PRODUCE MARKET.

BUTTER—Market dull—Creamery, Eastern 25@30c.; Western, 24@28c.; Elgin, 30c.; imitation, 18@22c. Dairy—Eastern half-firkin tubs 26@27c.; Eastern Welsh tubs, 23@23c. Factory—Fresh, 15½c.

CHEESE—Market firm—Factory—New York cheddar, 11all½c. Creamery, 10@11½c. New York part skims, 8½c.; full skims, 2½@3½c.

EGGS—Market firm—Fresh Eastern, firsts, 25@27c.; Western, firsts, 25@27c.

FEED—Market steady. Spring bran, 75@80c.; winter, 75@80c; 60lb feed, $1.15@1.20; 80lb, 87½@92½c.; middlings, $1.10@1.20; sharps, $1.30@1.32½c.; cracked corn, $1.20; corn meal, coarse and sifted, 75@80c.; flue, $1.25@1.35; rye feed, $1.00.

HAY—Market steady. Choice timothy, 80@85c.; No. 1, 75c. No. 2 70c.; shipping, 60@65c.; clover mixed, 60@65c.; clover, 60@65c.

STRAW—Long rye, 65@70c.; short rye, 50@55c.; wheat, 40@50c.; oat, 40@45c.

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No grade bbls. or sacks	$2 60a2 90	$2 90a3 15
Fine, bbls. or sacks	2 85a 3 25	3 20a 3 60
Superfine	3 20a 3 70	3 50a 3 85
Extra No. 2	3 60a 3 90	3 60a 3 90
Extra No. 1	3 90a 4 50	3 90a 4 35
Patents	4 85a 5 40	4 75a 5 25
City Mills—patents	....	5 40a 5 60
West India—shipping	....	5 10a 5 25

PITTSBURG MARKET.

FLOUR—Jobbing prices—Fancy spring patents, $5,50@5.75; fancy winter patents, $5.25@5.50; fancy straight winter, $5.00@5.25; fancy straight spring, $5.25a5.50; clear winter, $4.65a5.00; straight XXXX bakers', $4.75a5.00. Rye flour, $5.25a5.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 31a32c; Ohio brands, 28a30c; common country butter, 18a20c; choice country roll, 20a22c; fancy, 24a26c per lb.

BEANS—New York and Michigan pea, $1.90a2.00; marrow, $2.15a2.25; Lima beans, 4a4½c per lb; hand-picked medium, $1.90a2.00.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—New, 2½a2¾c per lb.

CHEESE—Ohio cheese, 11all½c; New York cheese, 11½a12c; Limburger, 12½a13½c; Wisconsin, Sweitzer, full cream, 13¼a14c; imported Sweitzer, 28a27c.

EGGS—25a27c for strictly fresh nearby stock; candled eggs, 24a25c; cold storage eggs, 21a22c.

POULTRY—Alive—Chickens, 60a65c a pair, large; 38a50c medium; live turkeys, 10a11c per lb; duck, 50a60c a pair; dressed chickens, 12a14c per lb; dressed turkeys, 13a15c per lb.

POTATOES—Carload lots, 35a40c on track; from store, 40a45c a bushel; Southern sweets, $1.50a1.75 a barrel; Jerseys, $3.00a3.25.

CINCINNATI.

Flour heavy. Wheat in light supply and stronger; No. 2 red, 94a94½c. Corn firmer; No. 2 mixed, 45c. Oats stronger; No. 2 mixed, 35a35½c. Rye in fair demand; No. 2 94a95c. Pork nominal at $9.00a9.12½. Lard in good demand at $5.90a6.00. Bulk meats easier at $5.20a5.30. Bacon easier at $7.00. Butter easy; fancy Elgin creamery 30c; Ohio, 27c; choice dairy, 16a18c. Eggs in fair demand at 21a22c. Cheese in moderate demand and firm.

Little Johnny Tells a Story.

One time there was a young gote wich felt butty, and there was a ole ram wich lay in the road, half a sleep, chune his cud. The goat he had been shet up in a paster ol his life, an had never saw a ram an' he sed to his sister, the gote did: "You jest stan still an' se me whipe that freak off the face of the erth."

So the gote he went up before the ram an' stomp his feets an' shuke his head real friteful, but the ram he didn't git up, but only jes kep chune his cud and wo'ched out between his i lashes. Bime by the gote he backed off an' take a run, an' then arose up in the air an' come down with his hed on the ram's head, whack! The gote's hed was busted, but the ole ram he never wank his eye. Then the ole ram he smiled with his mowth, an' sed to the butte gote's siste: "Pears to me, miss, that kangaroo of yourn is mity careless where he lites, he come gum dasted near making me swoller my cud."

Value of Experience.

"I like to see you cut beefsteak, Mr. Lively," said the board mistress to the new man. "You do it with such grace and ease."

"That's not surprising. I worked twenty years in a leather factory cutting out the soles for heavy shoes."

POULTRY NOTES.

No. 40.

Give the roosting poles at least one more dose of coal oil before winter.

If you wish early chicks, begin now to make the necessary preparations. Don't let your eggs get chilled.

But it don't pay to hatch chicks early if you don't have good warm quarters for them. Don't give the hen more than eleven eggs.

If you wish any new breeding stock now is the time to buy as you can get them cheaper and also have more of a selection.

Do not confine your birds, as they become too fat and don't lay so well, and are more liable to contract disease.

Charcoal is an excellent article to feed poultry to keep them in condition or if you suspect that they are out of sorts, try feeding charcoal.

W. B. GERMAN.

ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.

It is said that in a lake near the city of Silene, in England, a huge dragon dwelt, whose insatiable maw seemed satisfied with nothing the people could give him. In their despair they cast lots to determine who among their dearest ones should be flung to the beast, and the lot fell to the King's daughter. As she was going, like Jeptha's daughter, to meet her terrible fate, she was met by George of Cappadocia, who, after hearing her sad story, bade her fear not, and making a sign of the cross he brandished his lance, attacked and transfixed the dragon, and leading him into the city beheaded him in the presence of all the people. For this noble deed he became the Patron Saint of England. Many a dragon in the form of disease, while leading his victim to death, as sure as that which would have befallen the King's daughter but for her timely rescue, has been demolished by the use of S. S. S., and the victim restored to health.

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Don't You Do It.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The Reason Why.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 21st, 1891.

Speaker Crisp has been ill with the grip but he is so busy making the committee assignments that he says he cannot enjoy the luxury of taking to his bed until the troublesome business is settled, and he expects that it will be settled on Wednesday, when Congress will take a recess until the 5th of January. The selection of Northern men for the chairmanships of both the Ways and Means and Appropriation committees, it being about settled that Mr. Springer, of Illinois, will have the first, and Mr, Holman, of Indiana the last, has made some dissatisfaction, the argument being made that one section should not have both. But Mr. Crisp's friends reply by citing the fact that the South has all three of the democratic members of the committee on Rules—Crisp, McMillin, and Catchings—which, they say about equally divides the power, so far as the control of legislation is concerned.

Representative Mills, who has been quite ill, is now convalescent. In reply to a note from Speaker Crisp tendering him the second place on the committee of Ways and Means and asking which committee—Commerce or Postoffices—he preferred takingthe chairmanship of, Mr. Mills wrote asking not to be assigned to the Ways and Means committee and expressing a willingness to accept such other committee assignments as may be made for him. The committee on Commerce has been changed to the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and it is thought Mr. Mills will be its chairman.

The House Committee on Rules reported in favor of increasing the membership of the Ways and Means committee from 13 to 15 and of the quadro-centennial from 9 to 11. After accepting this report, the House, on motion of Mr. Springer, voted to change the name of the last committee to that on the Columbia Exposition. The new rules will not be reported until after the recess, but it is not expected that they will differ very materially from those used in the Fiftieth Congress, when Mr. Carlisle was Speaker of the House.

Representative Enloe, of Tennessee, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules, providing for the appointment of a committee of five to investigate charges against the Pension Bureau, including the notorious rerating and promotion cases, office-brokerage, which got a son of Commissioner Raum in trouble; the favoritism by which claims of certain attorneys are given preference over those filed either by individual claimants or other attorneys, and "all other matters relating to the conduct of the Commissioner in the matter or to the administration of his office which in the judgment of said committee, may conduce to the honest clean, just, economical and efficient administration of said Bureau. The adoption of this resolution by the House may be put down as a certainty.

Many members have gone away for the holidays as it was agreed that nothing would be done at the session of the House to be held on Wednesday except to announce the committee.

The nomination of Stephen B. Elkins to be Secretary of War and of Nathan Goff to be one of the Circuit Court Judges indicates that the administration has hopes of securing the electoral vote of West Virginia next year; but if the Senators and Representatives from that State know anything about it, Mr. Harrison is indulging in a bit of "rainbow chasing."

Representative Culbertson of Texas, changed his mind after having accepted and declined the democratic vacancy on the Interstate Commerce commission. It is understood that he did it in deference to the wishes of the—his Texas friends—who want him to be a candidate for the Senate.

The Supreme Court adjourned from last Friday until January 4th.

Senators Vorhees, and Turpie, will do their utmost to defeat the confirmation of the nomination of the notorious Judge Wood of Indiana, for the new Circuit Court, and they are not without hope of success.

Notwithstanding the positive statement of J. S. Clarkson, Mr. Elkins, the new nominated Secretary of War, is regarded here as a much better Blaine man than he is a Harrison man; and time will prove that his going into the Cabinet at this time is a part of a Blaine scheme of some sort, possibly, but not probably, in Mr. Harrison's favor.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

C. C. Evans appointed auditor in estate of William Whitenight.

Assigned estate of Emmer Deitterick. Filing of auditor's report continued until 28th inst.

R. Buckingham continued as auditor in estate of Simon Fetterman.

In re lunacy of J. E. Snyder, the sheriff is permitted to take said supposed lunatic from Danville Asylum to office of C. B. Jackson in Berwick, on 24th inst, for hearing.

Petition of citizens of Centralia borford ivisionough into two wards, filed.

Minority report of E. B. Guie, one of the commissioners in matter of independent school district in Conyngham township, filed.

Sheriff Casey acknowledged the following deeds:

To Daniel Reedy for property of H. G. Gable, for $305.00

To J. W. Evans for property of J. C. McMichael, for $10.00.

To Enoch Rittenhouse for property of J. C. McMichael for $1090.00

To Esther Federolf for property of Stephen Gearheart for $2705.00

To William Masters for property of J. H. Maize, for $3500.00

To Geo. Breish, guardian, for property of John Steeley, for $250.00

To Maria McHenry and Phoebe Pennington for property of A. B. Albertson for $1100.00.

To C. W. Miller for property of S. A. Smith, for $1801.00

Inquest in partition awarded in estate of Geo. Hess.

Sale ordered in estate of B. P. Fortner.

Sale ordered in estate of James E. Jones.

Sale ordered in estate of Geo. A. Keifer.

Sale ordered in estate of Samuel W. Nolton.

Report of C. F. Randall and J. B. Knittle, two of commissioners against an independent school district in Conyngham, confirmed nisi.

Bond for sale in estate of R. H. Williams, approved and filed.

Amendment of record allowed in estate of Rebecca E. Girton

M. McReynolds, Patrick Haley and James J. Grant appointed commissioners in matter of division of Centralia into two wards.

Robert Pursel appointed guardian of Mary Pursel.

Sale ordered in estate of Mary Crawford.

Andrew Crawford appointed guardian of Henry C., Bruce M., and Harry W. Crawford.

December 22nd, the trial of the suit of John W. Hoffman vs. B. & S. R.R. Co. is still on, having begun on Monday, 14th inst., and will likely not be concluded before Thursday. The counsel for the plaintiff are James Scarlet, C. G. Barkley and L. S. Wintersteen, and the counsel for defendant are C. R. Buckalew, J. G. Freeze and L. E. Waller. Every point has been hotly contested on both sides.

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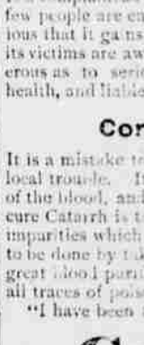

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The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 5, 1891.

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CARDS:—Miss Annie Boone.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised Dec. 22, 1891. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

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fruit trees and out-buildings.

ALSO:

All that certain lot of land situate in the Borough of Berwick, Columbia county, Pa., bounded on the east by lot No. 217, on the south by an alley, on the west by lot No. 215 and on the north by Seventh street, being ten rods in depth and three rods in width and being lot No 216 of Fowler's addition to the Borough of Berwick, Pa.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of H. E. Bower vs. G. W. Shive and to be sold as the property of G. W. Shive.

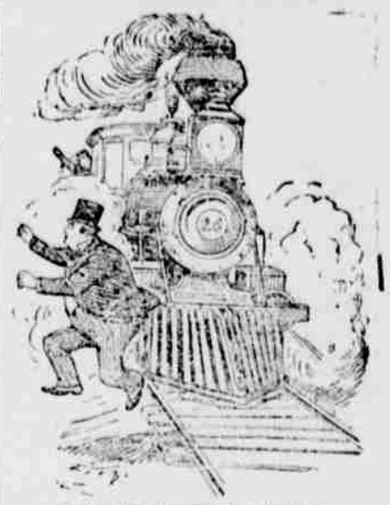
C. C. EVANS, Atty. JOHN B. CASEY, Sheriff.

ELECTION NOTICE.

There will be an election of a Board of Directors of the Bloomsburg Banking Company at the Banking House in Bloomsburg, Tuesday January 12th, 1892, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to serve for the ensuing year.

12-18. H. H. GROTZ, Cashier.

BERTSCH'S.



A WELL-TIMED MOVE.

As the Holidays are approaching it would be a well-timed move to be looking around for suitable Christmas gifts. Bertsch, the tailor, has a fine assortment of silk handkerchiefs, fur caps, neck-wear, gloves, and a full line of gent's furnishing goods, suitable for that purpose. Another well-timed move would be to leave your measure for a winter suit, or an overcoat. The latest patterns for suitings are kept in stock, and a good fit is guaranteed. A fine line of winter hats and caps just received.

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FALL ANNOUNCEMENT!

BLACK AND BLUE CHEVIOTS,

FALL SEASON 1891.

DOUBLE BREASTED SACKS AND CUTAWAYS.

LADIES SHOULD SEE THE PRETTY SUITS FOR CHILDREN.

THE LATEST COLLARS, NECK TIES, DRESS SHIRTS, NIGHT SHIRTS &c.

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Call and examine and see for yourselves that

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THE COLUMBIAN.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1891.

PERSONAL.

Miss Bessie Kuhn returned from Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Drinker of Scranton are spending Christmas week at Mr. E. R. Drinker's.

Miss Annie Brockway is clerking in J. G. Wells' store.

Prof. Cope and family will spend the holiday vacation at West Chester.

Barton John is at home from Lehigh University for the Holiday vacation.

Miss Beth Runyan and Miss Ella Fox came up from Philadelphia on Monday. The former will remain at home, and the latter will return on Saturday.

Dr. Geo. P. Waller arrived here on Tuesday, from Chadron, Neb., to spend Christmas with his father's family, and his son who is attending the Normal School.

Mrs R. W. Oswald, two children and nurse, have gone with her mother, Mrs. S. P. Hanley of Berwick, to visit relatives in Arkansas. They will be absent a couple of months.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Mary Eyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eyer, of Bloomsburg, and Dr. H. W. Meredith, Superintendent of Danville Hospital. The ceremony will take place at the bride's residence on Market street, on Wednesday, December 30th.

Miss Alveretta A. daughter of Mrs. John Gruver, will be married to Mr. J. K. Lockard on December 31st. The ceremony will take place at St. Paul's P. E. church at half past nine o'clock in the morning, and a wedding reception will be held at the bride's home on Third street, from ten o'clock until half past eleven. The invitations were issued on Tuesday last.

We go to press on Thursday this week, as the office will be closed on Christmas.

On Christmas Day there will be full service, sermon and Holy Communion, in St. Paul's church at 10:30 a. m.

Surer foundation cannot be laid than the real merit which is the solid base for the monumental success of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The services for the children of St. Paul's Parish, with the usual Christmas tree, will be held in the church on Saturday evening 26th at 6:30.

Senator Herring's law office will be removed to H. J. Clark's building, corner of Main and Centre streets, about the first of the New Year.

The Tyrone Bank has suspended with liabilities of about $75,000. Some say that it will pay in full, while others say it will not pay over 50 per cent.

Monday, December 28th, is the last day for filing applications for Liquor license. The Prothonotary would prefer to have them as much sooner as possible.

Grip is prevailing all over the country to an alarming extent. There is much sickness and many deaths. Six thousand cases are reported in Baltimore in the past three weeks.

Rescue H. & L. Company No. 2, will hold a dance in City Hall, on Thursday evening, Christmas Eve., and also on Saturday evening Dec. 26. All are invited. Good music will be furnished.

In inflammation of the lungs (pneumonia) and inflammation of the air passages (bronchitis), Bull's Head Horse and Cattle Power is a specific. Price 25 cents per package, of one pound.

The infant reason grows apace and calls for one more application of that good friend, Salvation Oil, which never disapoints but always kills pain.

It is neither pleasant nor profitable to hear people constantly coughing when they could be easily cured by a 25 cent bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

For some reason the Secretary of the Teachers' Institute did not supply THE COLUMBIAN with the proceedings for last week's issue. The fact that they appeared in another paper last week, is no evidence of our lack of enterprise, but is evidence that the secretary discriminated, to our detriment. We did our part and expected to get the report, but failed. It appears this week.

Rev. P. A. Heilman will preach a sermon on "The joy of Christmas" next Sunday morning and "The Open Door" or "The New Year" Sunday evening.

Feeble and capricious appetites are best regulated by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. They do not debilitate, by excessive stimulation; but cause the stomach, liver, and bowels to perform their functions properly. As an after-dinner pill, they are unequaled.

The mild weather has had a tendency to depress the holiday trade, but still none of our business men are complaining. Cold weather and good sleighing always help to make Christmas more cheerful, but the bright stores and attractive goods always bring out the buyers, no matter what the weather is.

William L. Dunglison of South Bethlehem, died on Saturday last of pneumonia. He was well known by some people here, being a prominent and active man in the Episcopal church. For many years he was assistant secretary of the diocesan convention, and last June, on the resignation of Dr. R. A. Lamberton, President of Lehigh University, as Secretary, Mr. Dunglison was unanimously chosen his successor. He was also treasurer of the Christmas Fund and held other important positions in the church, which made him well known throughout Central Pennsylvania. His loss will be keenly felt.

Among the most interesting things of the Holiday Season is the special exercises by the churches. Great ingenuity is manifested in the artistic arrangement of evergreens, mottoes, &c. The Lutheran church was trimmed with handsome arches of trailing pine, wreaths and a large cross covered with evergreen suspended over the pulpit platform. The Christmas eve exercises were by the small children principally and consisted of songs, recitations and dialogues, and a Santa Claus chimney built of real brick apparently, but when torn down it was discovered that each brick was a paper box filled with sweet-meats which the children enjoyed immensely.

The Anniversary proper of the School will be held on New Years night in the Opera House. It will be unique and beautiful. Each class will have a Bible design which will be brought out and explained. There will be choruses by the whole school and a gas Christmas tree with 300 lights out of which grows a brilliant gas star.

MARIA ELIZABETH KNAPP.

Mrs. Maria E., wife of Christian F. Knapp, died at her home on north Main street on Monday evening, December 21st, at 5:45 o'clock, after an illness of long duration. For the past six months she was unable to leave the house, and the immediate cause of death was paralysis, brought on by diabetes. She was a daughter of Peter Vannatta, and Maria Bidleman. The families of both of her parents came here from New Jersey about 1790. Peter Vannatta located out beyond Irondale, and built the stone house now owned by Mathias Shaffer's estate. He sold the land to the Irondale Company where the furnace now stands. Ellis Bidleman located down by the river. He gave some portion of the land now owned by the Episcopal congregation to build the first church upon. The family of Peter Vannatta consisted of Mrs. Catharine Headershott, Miss Margaret Vannatta, Mrs. C. F. Knapp, Ellis Vannatta, Thos. Vannatta and B. H. Vannatta. Mrs. Knapp was married to Christian Frederick Knapp on the 13th day of August 1846, by Rev. M. Marble in this town. The result of this union was five children, namely, Caroline, wife of W. F. Bodine: Sophia, wife of J. Harvey Long of California; Mary C., wife of G. S. Robbins. Peter E. Knapp, and John E. Knapp.

The two sons are dead, John E. dying many years ago, of hydrophobia, and Peter E. within the past two years, leaving a widow and two children.

Mrs. Knapp was a member of the Episcopal church from girlhood. She was a woman of strong christian character, very charitable to the poor, active in church work, and a most affectionate wife and mother. She will be missed by all who knew her, but by none as by the husband with whom she has lived for forty-five years, and the children who cared for her so tenderly in her years of suffering. Her age was 66 years, 2 months and 3 days. The funeral took place at the house on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. C. Leverett officiating.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS.

Celebrated as a Holy Day Since the Year of Our Lord 98.

At midnight on the 25th of this month the birthday of the Saviour of mankind will have been celebrated for the seventeen hundred and ninety-second time, for Christmas was first kept as a holy day A. D. 98. We have no means of determining the exact date of the Saviour's nativity.

As to the year, preponderance of opinion and of such evidence as we have seems to favor that of 4 or 5 B. C. As to the month, December is the height of the rainy season in Judea, and, therefore, the fact, as stated by the New Testament, that shepherds were watching their flocks on its plains while stars were shining in the heavens on the night of the Saviour's birth, makes it extremely unlikely that it could have occurred in that month. Many learned treatises have been written and plausible arguments advanced to prove that it must have taken place in October, but the question will ever remain in abeyance.

For the first three centuries Christmas was one of the most movable of all religious festivals. The Eastern church observed Jan. 6 as the anniversary both of Christ's birth and circumcision. But in the Fourth century Pope Julius I ordered an investigation of the matter, and after long deliberation the theologians of both the east and the west united in appointing Dec. 25 to be kept as Christ's birthday. It seems not improbable that in selecting Dec. 25 as the date of the greatest event save one—the crucifixion—in the world's history the worthy fathers were influenced by a desire to supplant the many heathen festivals of the winter solstice, such as the Saturnalia, or great festival of Saturn and Ops, which began on Dec. 19 (or after Cæsar's reformation of the calendar on the 17th) and continued for seven days.

This presumption is made more probable from the fact that for many centuries the festivities of Christmas were prolonged until "Twelfth night," Jan. 6, and even till Candlemas day, Feb. 2, while they usually began as early as the night before All Saints' Day, or Halloween, thus showing the desire of the early fathers of the church to make the heathen converts to Christianity feel that they had lost nothing in harmless pleasure and enjoyment by the substitution of the Christian festival for the heathen one.

Not only did the Romans observe this period of the year as a time for mirth and rejoicing, but many of our most familiar Christmas usages are derived from the old heathen festivals which Christmas replaced. The custom of giving Christmas presents, now so universally observed, was derived from the old Roman Saturnalia or Feast of Saturn, above mentioned, at which it was customary for all the members of a household to offer gifts to one another.

The Yule clog, or log—the great stick of timber placed in olden times upon the Christmas fire—was derived from the Saxon feast of Jul or Yul, at which a similar piece of timber gave the principal fire and the principal light. The Yule clog and the superstitions connected with it are among the most venerable of Christmas associations. The Yule clogs that blazed in the vast halls of the old English feudal barons of the Middle Ages were huge trees, and we are told that even just before the close of the last century the mansion of an English gentleman residing near Shrewsbury was totally destroyed by fire in consequence of too large a Yule log having been lighted on his hearthstone. When the Yule clog was not all consumed before dawn and burned on into the light of Christmas day, its ashes were carefully preserved until the next Christmas eve.

The custom of decorating churches, dwellings and places of business with evergreen, holly, laurel, bays and mistletoe at the Christmas season has also a heathen origin, being a perpetuation of an observance of the old British Druids, whose belief it was that kindly sylvan spirits sought these ornaments of living green and hovered near them, untouched and unharmed by nipping frost, until the death of winter.

Those same old Druids attached much importance to the mistletoe, investing it with a peculiarly hallowed and mystic character. They regarded it as an emblem of love and believed that it typified the beneficent feelings of their gods toward mankind. It is doubtless to this old Druidical association of the mistletoe with love that the English custom, which still obtains, of enforcing the forfeit of a kiss from any female who is caught under a branch of it at Christmas time is traceable.

By the celebration of Christmas, with its grand liturgy, its magnificent music and its pictorial and dramatic representations of the principal events in the life of him whose birth it commemorated, the church sought to replace these heathen festivities and to lift up the minds of the people to something higher and holier, though from the first the day was regarded both as a holy commemoration of a most sacred event and as a mirthful, joyous festival. In the Middle Ages the festive observances of the day often so far overtopped its more sacred features that the clergy were frequently compelled to check the unseemly merriment of their flocks.

The name of Christmas assigned to the festival was derived from Christ and the Saxon maesse or mass, and the two words were combined to denote a special service in honor of the birth of the Son of God.

Probably one of the most generally known of the old Christmas observances, next to the giving of presents, is the singing of Christmas carols. These were pious canticles designed to replace the ribald songs of the old heathen festivals, and the custom of children and even grown people going about from house to house singing them at the door on Christmas eve and being rewarded with Christmas cheer and Christmas spending money is maintained in many parts of England even at the present day.—New York World.

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Wanted.

Girls to learn the trade at the Silk Mill, or experienced hands. Fair wages will be paid. Apply at Silk Mill, Bloomsburg. ountry girls can make satisfactory arrangements for board. tf.

FOR SALE ON EASY TERMS.

A desirable house on Centre street, 5 bedrooms up and 1 down stairs, parlor, sitting room, dining room and kitchen. Supplied with water and gas, also connected with sewer. Also on the same premises a dwelling house, 2 bed rooms up and one down stairs, with kitchen. Also stable with room for 12 horses. Will be sold at private sale, with terms to suit purchaser. A clear title can be given. Possession obtained April 1st, 1892.

12-18 3t. J. L. GIRTON.
St. Elmo Hotel, Bloomsburg, Pa.

For 35 Years. Mr. Hiram Thweatt, a prominent citizen living near Troy, Alabama, says that for thirty-five years he was sorely afflicted with Eczema on his face. The eruptions were of a large and cancerous nature. That he tried a number of experienced physicians, but with little result, and then received only tempory relief After having used only seven bottles of S. S. S., he feels like a new man. The painful trouble is all gone, and now at sixty years of age he is once more in good health, and restored to his family. He states that his cure is entirely due to S. S. S. He says that he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and that his post-office address is Olean, Pike county, Ala., and that as he wishes all sufferers to know the good that he has received from the medicine, he will take pleasure in answering any inquires that may be sent him. Our treatise on the blood and skin will be mailed free. Address. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

NOTICE.

The Members of the A. M. E. church will give a supper in the basement of the church, December 25th. Door will be open from four to ten o'clock. All are invited to attend. Come and have a good time. We will also sing you some of the old plantation song of our mothers and fathers 50 years ago. Only 25 cents for supper.

Trustees, GLASCO CAMERON. FRANK PARKS. WILLIAM DENNIS.

To Farmers.

Remember this is the season for Fodder cutters and crushers, Corn shellers, Wood saws and Bob-sleds. Call and see or write us for prices on either of the above.

WHITE & CONNER, Orangeville, Pa.
11-27 3t.

Fashionable Livery.

The well known horseman has opened a fashionable livery in connection with his boarding stable at the Exchange Hotel Stables, where fine turnouts can be obtained, single or double. He has well broken and safe saddle and driving horses for ladies, all at reasonable rates. Orders left at the Exchange Hotel will receive prompt attention. Drivers furnished when desired.

tf W. A. HARTZELL, Proprietor.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Next Sunday at 2.30 p. m., the Association will hold a mixed Gospel Meeting in the Reformed church. The Rev. Mr. Auman will have charge of the meeting. Everybody invited. The male choir under the leadership of Prof. Niles will have charge of the music.

The regular business meeting of the association will be held next Monday evening at 7:30 Dec. 28. Reports from the several committees will be heard. It is very important that every member be present.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Christmas Presents.

A. Solleder has just received a fine lot of Imported German day and night singing canaries, also a big stock of fancy cages.

I. W. HARTMAN & SONS HAVE THIS CORNER ON COATS.

On Saturday Dec. 26, will begin the Sale of Coats at cut prices.

Ladies' $5.00 long coats for $2.50.
" $10.00 " " " $5.00.
" $15.00 " " " $7.50.
" $20.00 " " " $10.00.

Plush coats, a few left at about half price; Misses' and children's at almost and some less than half price.

Lot of Ladies' short coats at $1.50 to $3.00, reduced from $2.50 to $10.00. Few fur trimmed coats at less than regular prices. This is one of our biggest slaughters ever offered in coats and will be continued until all are sold. New Year presents will be arranged next week, with wedding and birthday presents to be kept in stock on both sides of the stores all the year.

I. W. HARTMAN & SONS.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

ARABIAN PRAYER.

"O Lord, be kind to the sick and poor; thou hast done enough for the rich and healthy, and the happy do not need thee."

The healthy do not need Cactus Blood Cure, but those who are suffering from rheumatism, gout, boils, carbuncles, ulcers, and the thousand ills of scrofula and specific disease, need the kindness of Providence to help them bear their troubles, and Cactus Blood Cure to cure their diseases.

Sold by
G. A. McKelvy, Druggist, Bloomsburg Pa.

Fresh oysters daily at Housel's.

Call on Kemp for cabinets and crayons.

Highest cash prices paid for Hides and tallow at A. Solleder's Leather store. 12-11-2m.

Family bibles, teachers' bibles at W. H. Brooke & Co.

Autograph albums, and scrap books at W. H. Brooke & Co.

Shell oysters always on hand at Housel's.

Families and parties supplied with fresh oystres at Housel's.

Diaries for 1892 at W. H. Brooke & Co.

Remember Kemp makes 14 cabinets, for $1.00.

Our Holiday stock is now open. Give us a call before you buy.
J. H. Mercer.

Don't fail to get one of G. W. Bertsch's Fur Caps. He is closing them out *at cost.* 12-11-2t

Don't miss the bargains in Fur Caps selling *at cost* at Bertschs'. 12-11-2t

Fish of all kinds, three (3) times a week at Housel's.

Closing them out at cost. Fur Caps at G. W. Bertschs'. 12-11-2t.

A Good Fur Cap at *cost* can be had at G. W. Bertsch's. 12-11-2t.

Christmas Cards & Booklets at Mercer's Drug & Book store.

Before you buy your Christmas Present call and examine our stock, J. H. Mercer.

Large Lynn Haven select. The finest, at Housel's.

Now is your chance to get a Fur Cap cheap at G. W. Bertsch's. Closing them out at cost. 12-11-2t.

It makes a good Christmas Present, a Fur Cap from G. W. Bertsch's, at cost. See them. 12-11-2t.

Books! Books! Books! A large line of Juveniles, Booklets and Books by the set at lowest prices, at Mercer's Drug & Book store.

Don't forget that Housel will have fine Rappahanock shell oysters for Christmas.

Lamps! Lamps! Lamps! We have the largest assortment of stand lamps ever shown in Bloomsburg, also Hanging and Hall lamps, cheap for cash at J. H. Mercer's Drug and Book store.

Suits for men, suits for boys, and pretty little suits for children at D. Lowenberg's.

Lap Tablets, Duplicate Mirrors, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Toilet sets, Wisp Brooms and many other presents too numerous to mention, at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book store.

Sleighing parties can get oysters of Housel cheaper than elsewhere.

A fine assortment of paintings, pastels and photogravures at W. H. Brooke & Co.

Glasses fitted free of charge at J. G. Wells.' All work guaranteed.

A large stock of over coats for men, boys and children at D. Lowenberg's.

Sharpless & Moyer, the new firm are making stoves, stove repairs and castings of all kinds—Light soft castings a specialty. 11-6-8t.

Leave orders for shell and tub oysters at Housel's.

Hymnals for Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal churches at W. H. Brooke & Co.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester; a lamp with the light of the morning. Catalogues, write Rochester Lamp Co., New York.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Christopher Custer, late of Hemlock twp., dec'd,

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Christopher Custer, late of Hemlock twp., Col. Co., Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

12-18-6w. WILLIAM C. CUSTER. Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Celestia Rhoads, late of Mifflin township, deceased,

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Celestia Rhodes, late of Mifflin township, Col. Co., Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

WM. H. SNYDER, Atty. 12-18-6w.* JOHN R. RHOADS. Administrator.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Christian Wolf deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned appointed an auditor to distribute the fund in Court belonging to the said estate, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will attend at his office in Bloomsburg on Saturday, January 9th, 1892, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day: And all persons having claims upon said fund are requested to appear before said auditor at said time and place, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

JOHN G. FREEZE. Auditor.
Dec. 9, 1891.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Reuben H. Davis, deceased.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to distribute balance in hands of administrator to and among parties entitled thereto, will sit at the office of Wintersteen, Beckley and M'Killip in Bloomsburg, on Thursday, January 14, 1892 at 10 o'clock, a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

H. A. M'KILLIP, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan Walter, deceased.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to distribute balance in hands of Sarah E. Vought, administratrix, as shown by her first and final account, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, January 16, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

A. L. FRITZ, Auditor.
Dec. 24-4t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Isaac Ervin, deceased,

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to make distribution of the balance in hands of John Ervin, executor, to and among the parties entitled thereto, and adjust the indebtedness of certain heirs referred to in said account, under the memoranda thereto, will sit at the office of C. F. Geyer, Esq., in Catawissa, Pa., on Tuesday, January 12, 1892, at 10 a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

H. A. M'KILLIP, Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Mary Ricketts, deceased, late of Orange township.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Mary Ricketts, late of Orange township, deceased, have been granted to J. D. Henrie and F. S. Henrie, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make peyment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

HERRING, Atty. J. D. HENRIE, F. S. HENRIE, Executors.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the Hall of Centre Grange No. 56, P. of H., on Monday January 11, 1892, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the election of twelve directors to serve the company the ensuing year, and for such other business as may properly come before them.

A. W. SPEAR, Secretary.
Dec. 24, 3w.

When we made our Christmas Announcement we promised to show you new goods and so far have kept the promse. We have this opinion from all visitors. We can not in this article describe what we have. We invite you to come and see our goods, they speak for themselves.

We think we can please the most fastidious. In one respect we are sure to please and that is *freshness.* Shop-keepers here seek retirement, whether you buy or receive a present that has been purchased here you can feel satisfied in knowing that it will not be recognized by your friends as an acquaintance of by-gone years.

W. H. BROOKE & CO.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Telegraphic Notes of Interest Briefly Told.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

Small but Nutritious—The News of the World From Pole to Pole Carefully Culled and Boiled Down for Busy Readers Throughout the Country.

Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Nathan Matthews, Jr., Dem., was re-elected Mayor of Boston on Tuesday by a plurality of 15,086.

The grip is prevailing throughout Connecticut, hundreds of cases being reported in several cities and large towns.

The Levison & Altha Company, of St. Louis, assigned Tuesday with liabilities and assets estimated at $40,000.

The Alleghany Valley Railroad was purchased by the Pennsylvania, Tuesday, for $3,000,000, the latter assuming the bonded indebtedness of $20,000,000.

The Hadfield Company, of Waukesha, Wis., dealers in cement, lime and stone, capital $2,000,000, with branches in Chicago and Milwaukee, has assigned.

Samuel K. Murdock, formerly an actor but for a number of years a teacher of elocution, died of pneumonia Tuesday in Philadelphia, aged seventy-five years.

At Tacoma, Wash., Tuesday, Edward Albertson was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for embezzling $20,000 in money and $1,000,000 in securities belonging to the Fidelity Trust Company.

Theodore B. Flegler, an old sailor of the Monongahela, now living in the Soldiers' Home at Noroton, Conn., is to receive $30,000 as his share of prize money won by Admiral Farragut's squadron during the war.

Edmond S. Connor, the veteran actor and manager, died Tuesday at his home at Wortendyke, Bergen County, N. J., aged eighty-two years. He was manager for some years of the Arch Street Theatre in Philadelphia.

Sylvester Stay, a well known colored man of Rondout, N. Y., has brought suit for $5,000 against C. V. DuBois, manager of the Kingston opera house, for being refused admittance to seats for which he had tickets.

Thursday, Dec. 17.

Twelve business houses were burned out at Vermillion, O., Tuesday night.

Four persons were killed and about thirty-five injured by a railroad collision near Lima, O., Wednesday.

Robbers broke into the Growley express office at Lake Charles, La., Tuesday, and stole a package containing $1,000.

Ex-Gov. A. P. K. Safford of Arizona, died at Tarpon Springs, Fla., Tuesday, aged sixty-one. He was a native of Vermont.

English capitalists will establish a bank with $5,000,000 capital at Columbia, S. C. The Earl of Dunmore will be the president.

Two hundred and fifteen workmen in the shops of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, at Winchester, have been discharged.

Dwight Lawrence, of New York, has engaged 130 big rooms at Minneapolis for the New York delegation to the Republican convention.

Mrs. Amelia Spies blew her brains out with a pistol at Lancaster, Pa., yesterday because, her mother threatened to put her husband out of her house.

A passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad collided with a freight train yesterday, causing the death of a fireman, a mail clerk and a brakeman.

Five armed men held up a United States mail wagon on the street in Chicago, Tuesday night, and rifled the mail bags. They got about $1,700 from registered letters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rhoades of Altoona, Pa., were chloroformed in their bed Tuesday night by robbers, who then ransacked the house, taking $132 in money and notes representing $650.

The directors of the Nebraska Mortgage and Investment Company applied for a receiver yesterday owing, it is alleged, to grain gambling on the part of G. H. Toncray, the manager.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has sold to C. H. and J. G. Pierce, Chicago lumbermen, 12,500 acres of timber land in Southern Oregon for $100,000. The purchasers will erect large mills at Klamath City, and will build a railroad thirty-eight miles long to tap their land.

Friday, Dec. 18.

Twelve carloads of turkeys, valued at $26,000, were forwarded from Canada to Boston on Thursday.

Julia Averill Griffin, who was a noted nurse during the late war, died at Niagara Falls, Wednesday, aged sixty.

John G. Whittier, the venerable poet, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday at Newburyport, Mass., Thursday.

A fire in the Tide Water Oil Company's building at Savannah, Ga., Wednesday, did damages to the extent of $10,000.

The managers of the accident insurance companies in the United States hold their first convention at Niagara Falls to-day.

At the dedication of the Drexel Institution in Philadelphia on Thursday, an additional gift of $1,000,000 from A. J. Drexel was announced.

Daniel E. Soper, Secretary of State, of Michigan, has resigned by request of Gov. Winans, charges of malfeasance having been preferred against him.

The Glendale Woolen Mill in Burrillville, R. I., owned by Keyes D. Brown and operated by John T. Lloyd, was burned Wednesday night. Loss, $85,000.

The barns, sheds and outbuildings on the farm of W. J. Fuller, near Lowell, Mass., was burned yesterday, with a large number of horses, cows, etc. Loss, $12,000.

A passenger train on the Southern Kansas railroad was wrecked near Cherryvale, Kan., Thursday morning. Twenty-six passengers were injured, three probably fatally. The cars were burned.

General John L. Hathaway, commandant of the Milwaukee branch of the National Soldiers' Home, died suddenly Thursday. He was born in Orange county, N. Y., in 1830 and came to Milwaukee in 1843.

The Hardfield Company, owners of a stone quarry and railroad at Waukesha, Wis., made an assignment to Hamilton Townsend of Milwaukee, whose bond is fixed at $400,000. Liabilities are fixed at $500,000.

Daniel Hand, the Guilford, Conn., philanthropist, died Thursday morning, aged ninety. The bulk of his property, amounting to several thousand dollars, will now go to the American Missionary Association for the education of the colored race in the South.

On the charge of having committed pension frauds, Rev. Z. Parker, was arrested at Dallas, Tex., Wednesday. He is also charged with forgery. One old colored woman, through fraudulent papers, has been receiving a pension of $12 from the government for a number of years.

Saturday, Dec. 19.

United States Secret Service officers arrested three Italian men and one woman at Philadelphia, Friday, on a charge of counterfeiting.

The fire at Kennedy, N. Y., Thursday night, which it was feared at one time would destroy the whole town, was checked with a loss of $6,000.

Ninety Russian Jews, supposed to be a portion of the Baron Hirsch importation, are quartered in the synagogue at Fall River, Mass., waiting for work.

Judge Newman at Neillsville, Wis., Friday, sentenced Eugene McNally to five years in the State prison for robbing the Northern Pacific express at Abbottsford of $10,000 last May.

World's Fair Director E. F. Laurence of Chicago and Secretary Dickinson are in Washington to invite Congress to visit Chicago to inspect the preparations for the exhibition.

Under the will of the late Mrs. Francis J. Holland of Hartford, Conn., Trinity College receives a bequest of $50,000, the income from which is to be divided between three students each year.

Bradstreet's reports 313 failures in the United States during the week against 380 in the preceding week and 370, 330, 335 and 264 in the corresponding week of 1890, 1889, 1888 and 1887, respectively.

All of the large mills at Manchester, N. H., have been shut down because of the low water in the Merrimack. Only a part of the Amoskeag mills is running. Fully 6,000 of the mill hands are idle.

Lewis L. Watterson, a former bookkeeper of Charles P. Best & Co., Rochester, N. Y., neckwear manufacturers, was arrested Friday morning charged with appropriating $1,736 of the firm's money.

Edward L. Thomas of Rochester has begun an action in the Supreme Court against the Vaccum Oil Company to recover $50,000 damages alleged to have been caused his ice plant by refuse from the oil company's factory.

Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, Friday, denied a motion made by the New York Cable Railway Company to vacate a judgment for more than $1,000,000, secured by Percival M. Shaw in October last against the company.

W. C. Cronck, aged twenty-six, a Reading Railroad brakeman, while attempting to save a woman who was picking coal yesterday, in front of a moving train at Philadelphia, lost his footing and had both his legs cut off. The woman was uninjured.

The English holders of Virginia debt scrip decided at a meeting held in London Friday to accept the terms of the agreement effected between the Virginia State Debt Commission and the Olcott Committee for the settlement of the Virginia State debt.

Mrs. Mary E. Foote, who is detained in jail at Binghampton, N. Y., as a witness against Lewis Furman, her paramour, under indictment for the murder of her husband, Richard Foote, at Windsor, on October 30, has made a confession to Sheriff Ockerman, that she, and not Furman, killed her husband.

Monday, Dec. 21.

Judge Tourgee, who has been ill in Denver for some time, is much improved.

Forty-three horses were burned to death in the Seventh Ward stables, 36 and 38 Montgomery street, New York, on Sunday.

John L. Ferguson, for eight years bookkeeper of the National Bank of Kansas City, was arrested yesterday, charged with embezzling $20,000 from the bank.

By the explosion of a kerosene lamp, being filled while lighted, on a canal boat, lying at Rondout, N. Y., Friday night, Mrs. John McKeon was burned to death.

The conference between the switchmen and the Missouri Pacific officials has resulted in an agreement embodying the same conditions in force during the past year.

There were 211 deaths from various causes in Cincinnati last week. Twenty-three were the result of grip. Compared with the corresponding week last year, the increase was 111.

Near Hopkinsville, Ky., on Friday, James Dunn was shot and killed and George Dunn fatally wounded by Ben Davis. The Dunns went to Davis's house and provoked a quarrel.

Samuel Dodron, of Rochester, N. Y., on Friday morning attempted to kill himself with a razor. His aged mother, who lived with him, died yesterday on account of the shock.

There is considerable excitement at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, over the deaths of Chief Mays and Assistant Chief Chambers a week ago. There has been a suspicion from the first that there was something wrong, and now it is openly asserted that they met death by foul play.

General John B. Kenly, died in Baltimore Sunday, of pneumonia, aged sixty-nine. He was a major-general of volunteers and the highest commissioned volunteer officer in Maryland in the late war. In 1850 he was the nominee of the Whig party for Congress but was defeated.

After more than two years of negotiations and four visits of the Cherokee Commission to Tahlequah, an agreement was finally consummated Saturday, whereby the Cherokees agreed to part with their title to the strip, and only the action of the United States is needed to make it a public land. The price finally agreed upon is $8,595,736.12.

Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Mrs. Isaac Balch Braman, who was born in East Bradford, Mass., celebrated her 101st birthday Monday in Georgetown, Mass.

"Jimmy" Valentine, aged sixty-two, an English pickpocket, well known in New York and other cities, was arrested in Boston Monday.

True bills were filed by the Grand Jury at Pittsburg Monday against Mayor Wyman and ex-Mayor Pearson of Allegheny for embezzlement.

Silas Smithurst, of Huntington, Ind., who has been eating dog flesh for several weeks past for the cure of consumption, has been greatly improved.

Summefield Brothers, wholesale milliners, of Memphis, Tenn., failed Monday, with liabilities of $25,000 due to Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and New York firms.

The Duke of Devonshire died at Holker Hall, Carnforth, England, Monday, in his eighty-fourth year. He is succeeded by his son, the Marquis of Hartington.

The Richmond Terminal has ordered a wholesale discharge of its employes. In Macon over 300 machinists and shop hands have been suspended and over 200 at Savannah.

Thomas H. Allen & Co., cotton factors, of Memphis, Tenn., failed on Monday. The liabilities are $544,000; assets about two-thirds of that amount. The downfall of the firm was caused by Wall street speculation.

The Rev. A. G. Davis, a traveling Advent evangelist, on Sunday baptized three women and one man through a hole cut in the ice in the Merrimac River at Haverhill, Mass., and before a shivering crowd of 1,000 persons.

Mrs. Christiana Ebling of Newark, N. J., was awarded $5,000 damages on Monday, for the loss of her son, who was run over and killed by an electric car of the Newark Passenger Railway Company. She had sued the railroad for $25,000.

Thomas Welch, pilot of the tug F. W. Devoe, convicted of manslaughter in the second degree in running down the yacht Amelia in the North River, on June 15, causing the death of William Bahan and Frank Jenkins, was sentenced Monday by Judge Cowing in New York, to five years in State prison.

The Dauphin County (Pa.) Court entered decrees Monday dissolving the Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Altoona, the Dauphin Mutual and the Farmers and Mechanics' of that county for violating their charters in doing other than mutual fire insurance and because their assets are not adequate to meet their liabilities.

MAGEE AGAINST QUAY.

The Western Pennsylvania Leader Will Oppose the Senator's Re-election.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—C. L. Magee, who controls the Republican organizations of western Pennsylvania, when asked his position regarding the candidacy of John Dalzell for the United States Senate, said:

"There is nothing to explain about it. I am for Dalzell for the Senate, not against Quay, but simply because Mr. Dalzell and myself have always been friends. We were reared together, and I could not be against him. The strained relations between myself and Senator Quay during the past few years nor our recent pleasant relations have not determined my course in this matter. Senator Quay understands my position."

"There is a difference in working for a man with your coat on or of," suggested the reporter.

"Yes," said Mr. Magee with a smile, "but I want it understood that I am for Dalzell."

"Will you work to secure his election?"

"I will do everything I can in fairness for him."

ANGELL-BAYARD.

Another Daughter of the Ex-Secretary of State Married.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 22.—Miss Louise Lee Bayard, daughter of ex-Secretary of State Bayard, was married yesterday to Dr. Frank Angell of New York. The bride is the youngest daughter of the ex-secretary, while the groom is the son of Charles Angell, a wealthy business man of New York. The ceremony took place at Secretary Bayard's mansion on Clayton street and was performed by Bishop Coleman.

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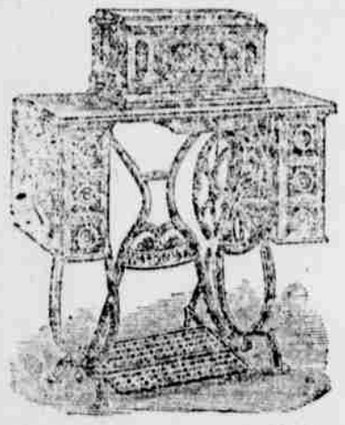

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CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snowflakes which cover thy sad
The feet of the Christ child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ child shall fall;
And to every blind wanderer open the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the Holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.
—Phillips Brooks in Youth's Companion.

BABY'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Little Margarita Had Her Own Views About Making Presents.

We were talking over Christmas gifts at luncheon, when Margarita said:

"Want to buy Kis'mas p'esents too! Want to buy Kis'mas p'esents too!"

At once Uncle Jim exclaimed:

"So Margarita shall buy Christmas presents!"

Upon which Margarita rewarded him with a smile enchanting enough to have made a far poorer man than Uncle Jim do exactly what Uncle Jim did. He pulled a big roll of bank bills from his pocket and put them in the little one's tiny hand.

"That is all nonsense, Jim! Don't you do it!" said papa.

"She will bankrupt you in an hour," said Inez.

"I wouldn't, Jim," said mamma gently. "She knows no more about the worth of money than any other little two-year-old girl, if she is my baby and your niece."

"You were two and a half years old last month, weren't you, pet?" cried her uncle, catching her in his arms. "And you shall buy some Christmas presents if you want to. We don't care what they say. We will show them that Margarita has as much wisdom as some older people in selecting gifts. We know, don't we, pet?"

And of course Margarita said yes.

So it came about that as the others were engaged I accompanied Margarita that afternoon on her first round of Christmas shopping. I had my strict injunctions from Uncle Jim not to urge any purchase upon the child, but to allow her to have her own choice in everything, provided prices did not exceed a certain sum.

When Margarita's nurse brought her down to the carriage she did look sweet and wise enough to almost win me over to Uncle Jim's opinion.

Thinking that books would please the little one as much as anything, we drove to a book store and made our way from counter to counter. At first nothing seemed to interest Margarita so much as the gay crowds of people. Finally, she looked up from a picture book, in reply to my question, "What do you want to buy for Maurice?" she said, "Want to buy tandy lelephant."

At the confectioner's there was a grand array of sugar animals, and Margarita seized upon a white elephant, and was perfectly satisfied.

"Will the little lady have anything else?" asked the saleswoman politely.

"Do you want to buy anything here for Inez or Uncle Jim or nurse?" I asked.

But the yellow curls shook decidedly as she answered:

"Nuffin now."

Our next stop was at a large fancy goods store, and I thought that here the little girl would certainly see something to strike her fancy. But the beautiful things were passed unheeded. At last she said:

"Want to buy mamma a tandy titten!"

As Tony, the coachman, said that there was a confectioner's near by, we drove there instead of to the place where we bought the elephant.

A saleswoman informed me that I would find the animals at the lower end of the store, whereupon Margarita said:

"Don't want to buy animals! Want to buy a tandy titten!"

Of course everybody within hearing laughed, and I hurried Margarita along toward the counter where kittens were kept.

The purchase made, other stores were visited, but all to no purpose. Five times we returned to one or the other of the two large candy stores for a "tandy wabbit" for nurse, a "tandy piggy" for Inez, a "tandy but'fly" for Nannie, a "tandy mousey" for papa, and, to cap all, which was, like the others, her own choice, a "tandy monkey" for Uncle Jim.

"Aren't you going to buy me anything?" I asked.

"No," said Margarita, rather wearily, "I loves 'ou!" as if love were enough, and I felt that it was.

Contrary to my expectations, the little one was silent in regard to her shopping, and even Uncle Jim asked no questions.

On Christmas eve I went to the drawer where I had put the gifts that Margarita had bought, but not a package was there. I felt almost certain that Margarita had not touched them, for she was not a meddlesome child. But if she had not been asleep I would have questioned her. As it was I searched everywhere, but could find no trace of them.

The next morning I asked Margarita about it.

She looked up innocently and said, with the sweetest smile in the world, "Oh, I eated up thum all!"—Toronto Empire.

Mrs. Snowden—I hear that Jimmy Jenkins, the coachman, has eloped with old Moneybag's daughter. Mr. Snowden—That will tickle the old man immensely. Mrs. Snowden—How so? Mr. Snowden—Why, the old skinflint will get out of giving her a Christmas present.—Kearney Enterprise.

A SHAKER CHRISTMAS.

HOW THE FESTIVAL IS KEPT BY THESE RELIGIOUS CELIBATES.

The Day Is One of Great Significance to Them and Is Observed with Great Solemnity—Their Songs, Marches and Shaking—The Christmas Dinner.

No one probably celebrates the glad Christmas holiday in a more peculiar way than do the Shakers, those strange yet industrious celibates who were brought over from England considerably over a century ago by the good old "Mother Ann Lee." There are several colonies of these queer people in the United States, and all enjoy the same pleasures, if there can be such a thing in their lives, and all believe in the same doctrines. Years ago these honest but misguided people discovered that the Scriptures directed all men and women to live apart. They believe that because the Messiah did not marry it is a sin for them to do so, and consequently there is but one love in their lives, and that a love of religion.

The Shakers have a manner and style peculiarly their own and worship God in every breath. Believing as they do in the Messiah, they think it a duty to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, and their service on Christmas day is most beautiful and impressive.

The remark "still as a Shaker meeting" has often been heard, and those who have attended a meeting of these devout people know that a word is never spoken until the "spirit moves," and so it goes from Sunday to Sunday until Christmas comes, which with them means a day of the greatest devotion. The day to them does not bring the joys, pleasures and dissipations of the world, there is no giving of gifts, no belief in St. Nicholas, no Christmas tree and no pleasures, in fact nothing but prayer. No preparations are made for the glad festival.

The morning before Christmas the celibates move toward the little church in couples. The men go by themselves and dress in the conventional black, with broad brimmed hats and gaze straight before them. They never smile, for to smile is a sin in their belief. The women follow the men, and wear Shaker bonnets of yellow straw and gray gowns, and look prim and quaint. A large white handkerchief covers the chest in primitive simplicity. Quietness reigns throughout the day, never a word being spoken. In fact the spirit does not move, and the people stand there for hours like statues. At sundown they go to the dormitories and retire.

Christmas morning they go to the church again and pass the holiday in prayer, song and religious glorification. They stand perfectly quiet and mute until the "spirit moves," when each one gives his or her experience, for on this day above all they delight in testifying to their great and complete happiness. A Shaker church is entirely different from the "world's people's" church. Instead of seats or pews, as are usually seen in churches, there is a big open space, and the men and women range themselves on opposite sides of the room. One of the elders makes a short address. Then all is quietness. After about half an hour a dozen or so of the younger people, either male or female, or perhaps both, enter the center of the space and begin a solemn march.

The Shakers sing beautifully and their tunes are remarkably pretty, sprightly and quick in character, and have a wonderfully fascinating air. The rich, deep bass voices harmonize perfectly with the clear, sweet and high tenors and sopranos. Almost irresistibly the feet and hands of all commence keeping time with rythmical beats. Soon the entire body of Shakers are moving around the singers. As the music increases the men and women circling around become so imbued with the beating of the notes that their bodies swing and rock, their feet dance and shuffle, their hands and arms swing and beat the air, all in perfect keeping with the music. This grows more intense until they all drop from sheer fatigue. Quietness again reigns for nearly an hour, when the same performance is gone over, and then over again, until sundown, when all repair to the dormitories to enjoy the only meal in the year in each other's company, for on every other day the men and women eat by themselves.

The Christmas dinner of the Shakers is not like the Christmas dinner of the world's people. There are no wines, fruits nor delicacies. They have turkeys, ducks, chickens and plain bread and butter and vegetables of every kind, well cooked and in the greatest abundance. The women occupy one side of the table, the men the other. The elder sits at the head and invokes divine blessing, then each man and woman rises alternately and lifting their right hand say, "God is love." They then begin eating, and during the meal not a word is spoken, each one helping himself or herself to what they desire. They drink an enormous quantity of milk during the meal. At the conclusion of the Christmas dinner all rise and sing. The clear voices of the celibates make the banquet room ring with a soft and charming melody. The hands and feet of all keep time.

After the song the elder raises his eyes heavenward and chants a prayer in which all join, after which they march from the room in couples, the men together and the women by themselves, and go to their dormitories. The remainder of the night, while the world outside is enjoying itself in every conceivable dissipation, is given up to song and prayer, and all night long the voices of the Shaker sisters and brothers are heard through the halls.

The Shakers are kind hearted and generous. They are very hospitable, and it is one of their principles to entertain and honor all who come into their little world. For days before Christmas they find great pleasure in sending good things to the poor in the neighborhood, and no matter how poor a man may be, he is sure of a good Christmas dinner if he lives in the neighborhood of a colony of Shakers.—Buffalo Express.

SENATOR PLUMB DEAD.

HIS DEATH THE RESULT OF A STROKE OF APPOPLEXY.

He Was Stricken Sunday Morning and Died at Noon—Overwork the Direct Cause—His Physician Had Warned Him to Take a Rest—His Career.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Preston B. Plumb, the senior Senator from Kansas and one of the most conspicuous figures in public life at the capital, died very suddenly about noon yesterday, as a result of a stroke of appoplexy in the morning.

Senator Plumb's death was the direct result of overwork in the face of the earnest advice and caution of his family physician, Surgeon Philip S. Wales, of the navy. His doctor urged him to abandon all work and take a long vacation from the arduous duties of his position in the Senate.

Several times he arranged to leave Washington for a few days, but on each occasion some important work presented itself and he abandoned his plans. It is said that he had just decided to make a voyage to the Bermudas and would have sailed within a few days.

Preston B. Plumb was born in Delaware county, Ohio, October 12, 1837. After receiving a common school education he learned the printers' art and removed to Kansas in 1856. He was a member of the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention in 1859; was admitted to the bar in 1861; served in the lower house of the Legislature in 1862, and was chairman of the judiciary committee and subsequently reporter of the Supreme Court.

In August, 1862, he entered the army as second lieutenant in the Eleventh Kansas Infantry, and served successively as captain, major and lieutenant colonel of the regiment, and was finally commissioned as colonel. He was Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives in 1867 and a member in 1868. He was elected to the United States Senate to succeed James M. Harvey and took his seat March 4, 1877, and was re-elected in 1883 and 1888.

SENATOR PLUMB'S SUCCESSOR.

A Long List of Candidates, but Ingalls Doesn't Seem to Be Among Them.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—The list of probable successors to the late Senator Plumb is increasing rapidly.

The candidates most prominently mentioned are: Chief Justice Albert H. Horton, ex-Congressman E. N. Morrill, ex-Congressman S. R. Peters, George R. Peck, General Solicitor of the Sante Fe; ex-Gov. Thomas A. Osborn; Benjamin Simpson, and George T. Anthony.

Justice Horton, who has been more prominently mentioned than any other politician, stated that under no circumstances would he accept the position if it was tendered him.

A personal enmity between Gov. Humphrey and ex-Senator Ingalls, it is believed, places Mr. Ingalls out of the race. There is now some talk of Gov. Humphrey resigning, and making Lieut-Gov. Felt Governor, who could appoint Humphrey Senator.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

A Powerful Tug and Transport Ships Secured at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—It is believed here that the reports emanating from Washington of preparations for war with Chili are true. Admiral Brown on Saturday secured an option on the new tug Fearless, just completed at the Union iron works. She is swifter and more powerful than any Chilian torpedo cruiser, having a speed of sixteen knots per hour for fifty days. If purchased by the Government, she will be supplied with two 5-inch guns, and a secondary battery of four 6-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

Admiral Brown also secured options on four of Spreckels' big steamers—the Zealandia, Australia, Mariposa and Alameda—to be used for transport service.

The coast defense vessel Monterey can be made ready in three days after her armor plate is received. Admiral Brown received orders Sunday, and the cruiser San Francisco arrived from Mare Island yesterday, and will probably sail on Wednesday for Valparaiso.

DIRECTORS WENT OUT OF TOWN.

A Pennsylvania Bank Failure Where the Depositors Got no Satisfaction.

TYRONE, Pa., Dec. 22.—The doors of the Tyrone Bank, a private concern, were closed yesterday. The following notice gives all the information obtainable as to the cause of the failure, as the stockholders are either out of town or refuse to talk. "A drain on the resources compels this bank to close for the present."

The liabilities are estimated at $75,000, with assets supposed to amount to $50,000. No other banks will be affected by the failure.

When the regular opening hour had arrived and the doors remained closed the citizens started in search of the cashier and the stockholders, Claude Jones, C. Guyer, P. Flynn, and A. B. Hoover, but they could not be seen. It is thought that the bank will be able to pay eighty cents on the dollar.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED.

P. S. Poole & Son, of Irwin, Pa., Compelled to Suspend Payment.

IRWIN, Pa., Dec. 17.—Much excitement was caused here yesterday by the failure of the Irwin Bank to open its doors. It was announced later that P. S. Poole & Son had assigned. The bank evidently could not survive the shock caused by the former suspension, and during the run last week from $75,000 to $100,000 was drawn out.

Poole has made a statement to the effect that every dollar on deposit will be paid.

SULPHUR BITTERS
The Greatest Blood Purifier KNOWN.
This Great German Medicine is the cheapest and best. 128 doses of SULPHUR BITTERS for $1.00, less than one cent a dose. It will cure the worst cases of skin disease, from a common pimple on the face to that awful disease Scrofula. SULPHUR BITTERS is the best medicine to use in all cases of such stubborn and deep seated diseases. Don't Your Kidneys are out of order. Use not ever take
BLUE PILLS SULPHUR BITTERS. If or mercury, they are dead- you are sick, no ly. Place your trust in matter what ails SULPHUR BITTERS, you, use the purest and best medicine ever made. Sulphur Bitters!
Is your Tongue Coated with a yellow sticky Don't wait until you substance? Is your are unable to walk, or breath foul and are flat on your back, offensive? Your but get some at once, it stomach is out will cure you. Sulphur of order. Use Bitters is
SULPHUR BITTERS The Invalid's Friend.
Immediately The young, the aged and tot- Is your Urtering are soon made well by ine thick use. Remember what you ropy, clo- read here, it may save your ndy, or life, it has saved hundreds. Don't wait until to-morrow,
Try a Bottle To-day!
Are you low-spirited and weak, or suffering from the excesses of youth? If so, SULPHUR BITTERS will cure you.
Don't Wait!
Send 3 2-cent stamps to A. P. Ordway & Co., Boston, Mass., for best medical work published.

CACTUS BLOOD CURE
Better than Sarsaparilla.
Tones up your system and gives you an appetite that a lumberman might envy.
Cures dyspepsia, stomach troubles, constipation, and liver or kidney diseases. In addition to this it cures all skin affections and the more violent blood troubles.
Effects are immediate and permanent.
Sold by G. A. McKELVY,
Druggist, Bloomsburg, Pa.

A Perfect Success. VII
The Rev. A. Antoine Iochaio, of Texas, writes: I think Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic is a perfect success, for any one who suffered from a most painful nervousness as I did. I feel like myself again after using the Tonic.
ELIZABETH, N. J., March 7, 1891.
Before I took Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic I could not sleep nights and had a numbness in the legs, arms and sometimes all over the body but after taking the second bottle of your Nerve Tonic I could sleep well, and in three days all numbness was gone and am not troubled since.
FELONIAN BIENN.
274 St. Paul St., Montreal, March, 1891.
A young man of 22 years, afflicted with epilepsy for over 20 years and a very bad case, having at least 10 to 12 fits daily, after using all kinds of medicine without benefit, used Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic with the desired effect.
N. QUANTAL.
FREE—A Valuable Book on Nervous Diseases sent free to any address, and poor patients can also obtain this medicine free of charge.
This remedy has been prepared by the Reverend Pastor Koenig, of Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1876 and is now prepared under his direction by the
KOENIG MED. CO., Chicago, Ill.
Sold by Druggists at $1 per Bottle. 6 for $5. Large Size, $1.75. 6 Bottles for $9.

Dr BULL'S
COUGH SYRUP
THE PEOPLE'S REMEDY PRICE 25¢

SALVATION OIL
Price only 25 Cts. Sold by all dealers.
Will relieve Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Swellings, Bruises, Lumbago, Sprains, Headache, Toothache, Sores, Burns, Cuts, Scalds, Backache, Wounds, &c.

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CHEW LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote!—Price 10 Cts. At all druggists.

HAVE YOU ASTHMA?
SCHIFFMANN'S Asthma Cure
Never fails to give instant relief in the worst cases, and effects cures where others fail. Trial Package FREE of Druggists or by Mail. Address DR. R. SCHIFFMANN, St. Paul, Minn.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

DUTIES TO BE RESTORED ON SUGAR, TEAS, COFFEE AND MOLASSES.

The President Will Issue a Proclamation—Doors to be Closed on Countries That Have not Concluded Treaties. Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Harrison has decided to exercise the power vested in him in section 3 of the reciprocity clause of the McKinley Tariff bill and issue a proclamation restoring the duties on sugar, coffee, teas and molasses from the countries that have not negotiated reciprocity treaties with our Government. The proclamation will take effect on January 1, 1892, and will be issued in a few days, certainly not later than Christmas Day. It has been prepared by the Secretary of State and has been signed by the President.

The only countries that have concluded reciprocity treaties with the United States, and will, consequently, not be included in the proclamation, are Brazil, Cuba, Porto Rico, San Domingo and the British West Indies.

The treaty with the British West Indies was concluded yesterday. The German reciprocity treaty has not been ratified yet and cannot be until it comes before the German Reichstag, which will not be until February 7.

Reciprocity treaties are now pending at the State Department with Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Salvador, Columbia, Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador. But until these treaties are ratified into an accomplished fact the president will not take official cognizance of them. Sugar, coffee, hides, &c., from those countries after January 1 cannot come into the United States without the payment of duties thereon. As soon as the treaty is ratified, however, the embargo will be removed.

THE NEW CIRCUIT JUDGES.

The President Sends the Names of Six to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president sent to the Senate yesterday the names of six of the nine new Circuit Judges as follows: W. L. Putnam of Maine, First Judicial Circuit; Nathaniel Shipman of Connecticut, Second Judicial Circuit; George M. Dallas of Pennsylvania, Third Judicial Circuit; Nathan Goff of West Virginia, Fourth Judicial Circuit; William A. Woods of Ohio, Sixth Judicial Circuit; William H. Taft of Indiana, Seventh Judicial Circuit, and Warren Truitt of Oregon to be United States District Judge of the District of Alaska.

THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Crisp, McMillin, Catchings, Reed and Burrows Form It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Speaker Crisp submitted to the House of Representatives yesterday the Committee on Rules. It is made up as follows:

The Speaker, (Chairman), Messrs. McMillin (Tenn.), Catchings (Miss), Reed (Me.) and Burrows (Mich.).

THE HOUSE MEETS.

It Transacted Little Business, and Adjourned Till Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The principal thing done in the House yesterday was the adoption of a rule reported by a Committee on Rules, authorizing the Speaker to appoint the committees. The Committee on Ways and Means is increased from thirteen to fifteen members, and the Committee on Indian Depredation Claims abolished.

A joint resolution providing for adjournment of Congress from December 23 to January 5 was adopted. Mr. Enloe presented a resolution to have the Pension Bureau investigated, which went to the Committee on Rules. Mr. Chipman announced the death of M. R. Ford of Michigan, and the House adjourned until Wednesday next.

Speaker Crisp states he will be able to announce the House Committees on Wednesday.

IRISHMEN ASKED TO USE FORCE.

Highly Inflammatory Circular Issued to the Clan-na-Gael.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—A secret circular has been issued by what is called the Alexander Sullivan wing of the Clan-na-Gael to the different camps in the United States, calling upon Irishmen, inasmuch as Parliamentary agitation has been unsuccessful, to return to physical force.

The circular gives the large amount of money that has been consumed in peaceful agitation, and asks what has been accomplished. It speaks about the movements of the men of '48 and '98, and declares that they have frightened England into granting Ireland more concessions than all the other movements have accomplished since.

It advises that in order to begin the work, fifteen per cent. of the funds of each camp should be sent to a special committee at once.

An officer of the Clan-na-Gael was seen this afternoon in reference to the circular. On being asked if the Fenian movement was dead he said: "Our organization is the strongest Irish organization in existence to-day. We have 20,000 men ready to strike a blow for Ireland as soon as an opportunity presents itself.

Several members of the Irish Federation declared that they knew nothing about the circular and that the men at the head of the movement were the greatest enemies that Ireland has.

Five men were badly and perhaps fatally scalded by the bursting of the safety valve at Felt's paper mills in in Jefferson county, N. Y., Saturday.

THE COLUMBIAN.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

They are Beauties!
WHAT?
Why, the new picture cards given with
LION COFFEE.

WHO IS IT?

Just a few important answers to as many pertinent queries of interest to you if you want nice things for Christmas and New Years.

Who is it who has the largest stock of Plain and Fancy Cakes, Pies, Candies, etc., in town and has lots of nice articles for the holiday trade? Messrs. Jacobs & Son.

Who is satisfied with a reasonable profit and doesn't charge two prices? Messrs. Jacobs & Son.

Where's there place of business? No. 130 West Main Street.

What else do they sell? Hand-Made Clear Toys, Candy Baskets, Muffs, Pretzels, Canes, Walnut, Almond, Cream, Filbert, English Walnut, Peanut and Cocoanut Candies, French and Common Mixtures, and everything usually kept in a first-class Bakery and Confectionery Store.

SALES.

Dec. 30. William Hagenbuch, executor of Mary A. Hagenbuch, deceased, will sell real estate in Fishingcreek and Centre townships at 1 o'clock p. m.

DEC. 31.—John G. Freeze will sell real estate on the Lightstreet road, consisting of frame house and half acre lot. J. S. Williams auctioneer.

JANUARY 21.—N. H. W. Brown and D. S. Brown, administrators of Jacob Brown, deceased, will sell real estate in Mifflinvile, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. S. Williams, auctioneer.

FOUND.

A sum of money was found in F. M. Gilmore's saloon on Wednesday of last week. The owner can have the same by proving property, and paying for this notice.

Christmas, with all its joy and promise, will bring only sadness to many firesides. How many homes, during the past year, have been visited by death! How many have laid away in the silent tomb, a parent, a wife or husband, a beloved child, or other dear relative or friend! While the departed ones are missed more than ever at such times, the occasion is full of consolation, for the birth of Christ preceded his resurrection, which gave to the world the promise that all the dead shall rise again.

The Parting of Ways.

Wilkins and Watkins were college chums and close friends. They had been hard students and had taken little out-door exercise. When they shook hands and said good-bye, at the end of their college career, they were in impaired health. Both had dyspepsia, liver troubles and troublesome coughs.

Wilkins had plenty of money, and decided to travel for his health. Watkins, was poor. "I must go to work for my living," said he, "but I'll try the remedy that Robinson talks so much about—Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

In less than two years, Wilkins came home in his coffin, Watkins, now in the prime of life, is a bank president, rich and respected, and weighs 200 pounds. "The 'Golden Medical Discovery, saved my life at a critical time," he often says. "Oh, if poor Wilkins had only tried it!" For weak lungs, spitting of blood, all lingering coughs, and consumption in its early stages, it is an unequaled remedy.

Many pleasures in life are due to good health and good looks. Manner's Double Extract Sarsaparilla will bring pleasures as it increases the appetite, relieves all disorders arising from bad blood such as Headache, Constipation Boils and pimples which when driven out of the system brings good looks. Manner's Double Extract Sarsaparilla can be found at all drug stores also at Moyer Bro's tf.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by C. A. Klein.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The folllowing was crowded out last week.

The regular December meeting of Town Council was held Thursday evening the 10th, with the president and all members excepting Mr. Rhoads present.

Rev. D. J. Waller asked that a sewer be put in on West street from Fifth to Sixth.

Petition was received from residents on Fifth street asking for sewer on portion of said street between Centre and Market.

C. W. Miller recommended a short line of sewer to run from the Hoffman property on Fifth street to East street.

C. W. Neal asked Council to take action to have a new view on opening of North street.

County Commissioner Sands asked for the grading of the alleys on each side of the Court House.

Rescue Fire Co. applied for permission to use Town Hall for a dance on New Year's eve and on Saturday evening following.

Bloomsburg Cornet Band also applied for use of Town Hall on New Year's eve for same purpose. The request of Fire Co. was unanimously granted.

Robert Penman resigned as street commissioner. On motion of Mr. Gorrey, Wm. Ferguson was elected his successor.

A petition for an arc light at West and Fourth streets was read and ordered filed.

A petition for an arc light at turn of Iron street road, leading to water works was read and prayer of petitioners granted.

Theta Castle K. G. E. applied for permission of using Town Hall occasionally for military drill. Petition ordered filed.

The contract for the construction of the sewer on East street from Sixth to Seventh streets, was awarded to W. O. Holmes at 20 cents per foot.

On motion of Messrs. Willits and Gorey, sewers were ordered to be put in as follows:

On Fifth from rear of J. A. Funston's to residence of John L. Kline and from residence of O. B. Hoffman to East St. line of sewer.

On West street from rear of Caswell's residence to connection with main sewer near silk mill.

Secretary was instructed to receive bids for construction of the sewers, 6 inch pipe to be used, until 7 a. m., Dec. 12.

Dr. Willits moved that the alleys on each side of the Court House be graded and cobbled. Seconded by Mr. Allen and so ordered.

On motion of Messrs. Allen and Furman it was ordered that the Exchange Hotel be notified to abate nuisance and cause the alley in rear of stables to be properly drained inside of 10 days.

On motion of Messrs. Willits and White, Tax Collector for 1891, M. C. Woodward, was ordered to collect and pay to Treasurer $2000 on or before January 1, 1892; an additional $2000 on or before February 1, 1892, and the balance of the duplicate on or before March 1, 1892.

The bill of the Bloomsburg Electric Light Co. for street lighting from June 9 to Dec. 9 was presented. Mr. Allen moved that the bill be laid on the table. Seconded by Mr. Furman, and motion lost, Messrs. Allen and Furman voting aye and Messrs. Willits, White and Harman, no, Mr Gorrey not voting. Dr. Willits then moved that the resolution to pay the Electric Light Co. no money until they had fulfilled their contract be rescinded. Motion carried by votes of Willits, White and Gorey.

The report of Supt. of Market street was approved and Secretary directed to issue orders in payment of same, together with sundry bills to the amount of $ 2730.12. Adjourned.

The plague of breaking lamp-chimneys is abroad in the land.

There are two sorts of chimneys; brittle and tough. Ninety-nine in a hundred are brittle. The worst are imported from Germany. The best are Macbeth's "Pearl-top" & "Pearl-glass."

Two sorts as to workmanship; fine and coarse. The fine are Macbeth's "Pearl-top" and "Pearl-glass." The coarse are rough and out of proportion; misfits and misshapen; they do not make a good draft; they smoke.

Two sorts as to glass; transparent and gray. "Pearl-top" and "Pearl-glass" are clear, fine and tough—not tough against accident—tough against heat.

Call for "Pearl-top" or "Pearl-glass" chimneys.

Pittsburgh, Pa, GEO. A. MACBETH & Co.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at C. A. Klein's Drug store.

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When not properly cared for, loses its lustre, becomes crisp, harsh, and dry, and falls out freely with every combing. To prevent this, the best and most popular dressing in the market is **Ayer's Hair Vigor.** It removes dandruff, heals troublesome humors of the scalp, restores faded and gray hair to its original color, and imparts to it a silky texture and a lasting fragrance. By using this preparation, the poorest head of hair soon

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Main Street.—Desirable building lot 50x214, price $1300.

First Street—Frame house, 6 rooms, lot 50x214, price $1050.

Fourth Street—Large frame house, 8 rooms, lot 100 feet front on street, price $2250.

Fifth Street—Large frame dwelling house, rooms, out-kitchen, barn, fine fruit, &c., lot 79x200, price $4500.

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Third Street.—Large 8 room house, lot 64x212 Price $2700.

Second Street, East of Penn.—Corner lot, 50 ft front. Price $800.

Second Street.—Fine large residence, 11 rooms

Perry Road.—Two story house, lot 400 feet deep, price $600.

exclusive of bath room. Steam, gas, sewer water and all modern improvements.

Tenant houses and a number of vacant lots in other parts of the town, all of which are for sale on easy terms. For further particulars inquire

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Iron Street, near Fifth—Two story frame house, 10 rooms, bath-room, water-closet, hot and cold water up-stairs and down, sewer, steam heat, electric light, and stationary range all in splendid condition. Large new stable on lot, room for three horses. Terms easy and price low.

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First National Bank Building,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Al. Fi. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County Pa. and to me directed there will be sold at the Court House Bloomsburg, Pa. on

SATURDAY JANUARY 2, 1892.

at 10 o'clock a. m. the following real estate to wit; All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Fishingcreek township Columbia County Pa. Bounded and described as follows to wit. On the north by land of John Sutton on the east by Fishingcreek, on the south by land of T. H. Edgar and on the west by public road containing 1½ town lots more or less whereon are erected a

DWELLING HOUSE, BARN

and out buildings.

Seized taken into execution at the suit of Z. L. Kile vs. C. J. Ash and to be sold as the property of C. J. Ash.

FRITZ, Atty. JOHN B. CASEY, Sheriff.

PARTITION NOTICE.

In the matter of the partition of the estate of William Wright deceased.

To William Wright of Coalport, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania; William Penman whose last known address was Paso Robles, San Louis Obispo county, California; William Moore, surviving husband of Mary Penman, Orangeville, Columbia county, Pennsylvania; Robert Penman, Charles Penman, John Penman, James Penman, David Penman, Martha Penman, and Minnie G. Penman, the children of Mary Ann Wright, deceased, who intermarried with John Penman, dec'd, of whom David and Minnie are minors and whose guardian is Robert Penman, all of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Penna.; Thomas Lewis surviving husband of Harriet Wright and of Caroline Wright, both deceased, of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Penna., and Mary B. Lewis, James W. Lewis, Thomas C. Lewis, M. Calvin Lewis, John M. Lewis, C. Irvin Lewis all residing in Hollidaysburg Blair Co. Pa. the children of Harriet Wright and the last four of whom are minors and have A. K. Babcock of Hollidaysburg, as their guardian; and Capitola, minor child of Caroline Wright, residing in Hollidaysburg aforesaid, and whose guardian is A. K. Babcock of Hollidaysburg; and Elizabeth, intermarried with Gideon Heist of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, a writ of partition has issued from said court to the Sheriff of said county, returnable on the first Monday of February, A. D., 1892, and that the inquest will meet for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said decedent on Saturday, January 2nd, 1892, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., upon the premises in Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., at which time and place you can attend if you see proper. JOHN B. CASEY,
JOHN G. FREEZE, Atty. Sheriff.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of "The Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg," for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year will be held in the directors room of the bank on Tuesday January 12, 1892, between the hours of two and four o'clock p m.

12-11-4t FRANK IKELER, Cashier.

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Has received by the purchasers in the last six months, a thorough renovating; old and unsalable goods and surplus stock has been closed out and an entire new line of bright fresh goods purchased, making the stock one of the largest and most complete in its several lines in this section of the State. The ladies will be delighted with the display of—

German blue and white, Agate and Japanese Enameled Ware,

Japanned and "never-break" steel ware. Rodgers silverware, carpet sweepers, cutlery, that will cut, and a complete line of fine house furnishing goods.

THE SPORTING GOODS DEPARTMENT

contains a large variety of skates, lancewood and split bamboo fishing rods, reels, flies, hooks, lines, double and single barrel breech loading shot guns, repeating and Flobert rifles, air guns, revolvers, game traps, clothing, gun implements, loaded shells, cartridges, chilled and soft shot, powder, etc.

A glance at the show cases must convince all that this is the place for

MECHANICS' FINE TOOLS,

Bailey's and Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s iron and wood bottom, combination fancy planes, ratchet, spiral and Champion screw drivers, chisels, saws, plain and fancy hammers and hatchets, rules, levels, braces, trowels, squares, brushes of all kinds and the latest improved mechanics' helps.

Horse Shoes, Horse Nails, Iron and Steel,

and general blacksmith supplies, chains, plain and barbed fence wire, poultry netting, picks, axes, wheel barrows, grind stones, and hand agricultural tools in endless variety for farmers, etc. In

BUILDERS' HARDWARE,

all the latest styles of both plain and fancy door butts, locks, knobs and house trimmings, wire and steel cut nails, paints, oils, window glass, varnish, building papers, and Adamant wall plaster.

Call at the old stand and get our prices before buying elsewhere. Selling strictly for cash we can make it to your interest to deal here and shall try to secure by deserving it, the custom of our friends and the friendship of our customers.

THIS ENTIRE BUSINESS IS FOR SALE

at inventoried price and possession given immediately, and presents an opportunity for one or two parties to secure an established and profitable business at once.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elias S. Fritz, late of Sugarloaf twp., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elias S. Fritz, late of Sugarloaf twp. Col. Co. Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

A. L. FRITZ, Atty. A. S. FRITZ, Administrator.
12-18-6w.*

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Rhinard, late of Fishingcreek township, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Rhinard, late of Fishingcreek township, Col. Co., Pa., deceased, have been granted to Moses McHenry, Stillwater, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay. MOSES McHENRY, Executor,
12-18-3w.* Stillwater P. O.

EAST BENTON.

A. W. Beishline, of Bendertown, familiary known as "Gustie", died of a malignant form of pneumonia on the 15th of December aged about 44 years. He was buried at Jonestown on the 18th. A widow and daughter survive to mourn their loss. The deceased belonged to a large circle of relatives, and to a family of six children of which the father, two brothers and a sister survive. Almost all of the Van Camp vicinity, known as "Germany," are related, either by marriage, or blood connections, of which the leading families, numerically, are Wenners and Beishline's. The pioneer stock thrived and multiplied until their name is legion. The chief characteristic of these people—industry and honesty, is proverbial. In the death of Gustie the community has lost a valuable and honored member, the surviving household a dear son and brother, the wife a devoted and loving husband, and the daughter an affectionate father. He was a member of the M. E. Church and place of worship was at Jonestown.

The late changeable weather has sorely tried the physical constitution of weakly and afflicted people.

John Rinard aged 78 years departed this life on the 5th of Dec., and was buried at St. James on the 8th. He also lived in the Van Camp vicinity.

Nathaniel Driesbach of Van Camp was complaining ill last Sunday week ago.

Lew M. Creveling of Van Camp who was dangerously afflicted with pneumonia sometime ago, we are glad to say has fully recovered his former health.

Alonzo Alberson's family was called to mourn the loss of an infant babe on Friday night, the 11th of Dec.

The itching of the scalp, falling of the hair, resulting in baldness, are often caused by dandruff, which may be cured by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

For the Holidays, best photographs and crayons at M'Killip Bros.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Vend. Ex. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county Pa., and to me directed, there will be sold at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1892,

at 10 o'clock a. m., the following real estate to-wit: All that certain lot or piece of land with all the messuages or tenements thereon erected, situate in the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia, state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at south-west corner of Market and Sixth streets of said town, thence by the south side of said Sixth street south sixty-five degrees west, four hundred and fourteen feet to the line of Jefferson street produced, thence southwardly along said east line of Jefferson street to the right of way of the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, thence along the right of way of said Bloomsburg Division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company to the west side of Market street aforesaid, thence by said Market street aforesaid, north twenty-six degrees west, one hundred and fifty-five feet, six inches to the place of beginning, upon which are erected two large

THREE-STORY BRICK BUILDINGS,

and a two-story brick stable and out-buildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Franklin W. Hollowell, executor of the last will and testament of John I. Hollowell vs. Laforest A. Shattuck and to be sold as the property of Laforest A. Shattuck.

W. B. & M'K., Attys. JOHN B. CASEY, Sheriff.

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EPPS'S COCOA
BREAKFAST.

"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.* Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in half pound tins, by grocers, labelled thus:

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SATURDAY JANUARY 2, 1892.

at 10 o'clock a. m. the following real estate to wit; all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Pine township Columbia County Pa. Bounded by adjoining lands of R. W. Lyons, William Kingston, O. A. Jacoby, David Kisner and others. Containing

52 ACRES

of land more or less whereon are erected a

DWELLING HOUSE, STABLE.

and out-buildings.

Seized taken into execution at the suit of William Houghton vs. Adam Bobb and to be sold as the property of Adam Bobb.

FRITZ, Atty. JOHN B. CASEY, Sheriff.

German's Barred Rocks.

A few choice cockerels for sale about Oct. first, at 1.00 and 1.50 a piece. One choice one, early hatched, price $2.50 if taken soon.

W. B. GERMAN,
tf. Millville, Pa.